Maintaining status

As a student in F-1 status, it is your responsibility to maintain valid status for the duration of your time with IEC@OCC and in the U.S. Below, you will find important information about maintaining status:

Complete Check-in – You may arrive in the U.S. no more than 30 days before your I-20 start date. You must attend orientation and complete the International Student Document Check. Bring your I-20, passport, visa, and I-94. Check your emails regularly for details about date and time of orientation.

Full-Time Enrollment & Attendance – You must enroll in both core classes, Listening & Speaking and Reading, Writing, Grammar. You must attend a minimum of 80% of each core class and make academic progress to maintain status. If you accumulate more than 20% absences in either core class, your I-20 maybe cancelled.

Update U.S. Address – if your address, e-mail, or phone number change, you must report it to the Global Engagement Center within 10 days of the change. Please submit the Change of Address form to occinternational@cccd.edu

Keep Your I-20 Current – Your I-20 should remain active while you are enrolled at IEC@OCC. Review the information on your I-20, including the end date. If you will not finish your program at IEC@OCC before your I-20 expires, you must see an adviser to discuss an extension. Extension must be processed BEFORE your I-20 expires.

Do NOT work – IEC@OCC students are NOT permitted to work on-campus or off-campus.

Maintain Health Insurance – All F-1 students attending OCC must purchase the required health insurance each session. You can renew your insurance at the start of each session at http://renstudent.com.

Travel – You should only travel during academic breaks and weekends. If you will travel outside of the U.S. you must have a valid I-20 with current travel signature and valid passport & visa. To obtain a travel signature, please bring your I-20 to the Global Engagement Center. Allow at least 2 business days for processing.

Notify the Global Engagement Center if you Plan to Transfer or Leave the U.S. – If you need to take a break from IEC for a session, you must leave the U.S. Please notify the Global Engagement Center so that we can cancel your I-20.

If you have been admitted to another school, please visit the Global Engagement Center to submit a transfer out request form with a copy of your admission letter.

If you have been admitted to OCC, please refer to the OCC Post Acceptance Checklist for IEC@OCC students. (link to document)

If you have conditional acceptance to OCC or have not applied to OCC, please refer to the IEC to OCC Guide (link to document)

Carry Your Immigration Documents -- The US Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 requires foreign nationals to carry appropriate immigration-related documentation at all times. Appropriate documentation includes a valid passport, I-94 Non-immigrant Arrival/Departure Record and for those persons in F status, the I-20 form. Be prepared to present these documents especially when going through airports, train stations, checkpoints, border crossings, and other transportation hubs.