



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING IMMIGRATION STATUS

TRANSFER RECORD FROM ONE U.S. SCHOOL TO ANOTHER

Students who are already on F-1 visas and are transferring from one U.S. institution to Rutgers must also have their SEVIS records transferred from their current school to Rutgers University. Please note that all changes from one school to another in the U.S., regardless of whether the student travels outside the U.S. between schools, are considered SEVIS “transfers.”

If you had your SEVIS record transferred, you should have a new I-20 from Rutgers issued for a “transfer pending” reason.

You still need to complete all the steps on the post-arrival checklist before your record can be activated in SEVIS and your transfer is complete.

TRANSFER STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION AS WELL.

CHANGE OF STATUS

There are two possible ways to obtain F-1 student status:

- Via Travel
- By applying for change of status within the U.S. through the USCIS.

Students looking to apply for change of status must contact International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at globalservices@global.rutgers.edu as soon as they receive their I-20 from Rutgers. ISSS will then provide instructions and assistance in applying for a change of status. Visit global.rutgers.edu for detailed information.

If you have applied for change of status within the U.S. and your petition is not approved prior to the start of classes, contact ISSS to have the start date of your I-20 pushed back. Failure to do so can result in the cancellation of your SEVIS record.

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Students receive the I-20 form if their application to the university indicates that they intend to be an F-1 student.

Students not intending to be in F-1 status must notify Rutgers PRIOR to the start of their first semester and request an update to their immigration status in the SEVIS database.

Inform the admissions office about the status you intend to enroll in at: ruinternational@admissions.rutgers.edu

POST-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

Review detailed Post-Arrival Guide on our website:
global.rutgers.edu

You will also receive detailed information and instructions for these steps via email.

1. Attend International Student Orientation: Monday, August 24

For more information, visit global.rutgers.edu.

2. Check-In & Document Verification:

Students must complete a mandatory check-in process to activate their SEVIS records. This process can be completed upon your arrival by accessing the online RGlobal student portal at global.rutgers.edu.

3. Complete the mandatory Staying in Legal Status Workshop.

This workshop discusses important information about maintaining your legal status. You can complete this workshop online prior to your arrival at Rutgers.

4. Register for classes.

If you fail to register for classes prior to the last day of Rutgers' add/drop period you will fall "out of status" with the USCIS.

5. Complete the On-Campus Employment Workshop online IF you plan to obtain an on-campus job.

Students will receive assistance completing forms necessary to work on campus and apply for an SSN (if eligible). Must provide: passport and I-20.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)

Eligible F-1 students must apply for a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) when they obtain an offer for an on-campus job. Before submitting the SSN application to the U.S. Social Security Administration, students must have a job confirmation letter and other documents from ISSS.



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Useful Resources:

Study in the States: studyinthestates.dhs.gov | *Education USA:* educationusa.state.gov