

Travel Instructions for International Students in F Status

The following information is intended to provide guidance on travel within and outside the US. If you have specific questions, please e-mail the International Education Center (IEC) at international@brookdalecc.edu, or visit <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel>.

What should I do if I'm traveling within the US (via car, bus, train, or air)?

- Take your passport, I-20 form and [I-94 form](#)/arrival/departure record¹
- We also suggest that you take your student ID card and/or driver's license or state ID card

What should I do if I'm traveling outside the US and my visa is valid?

- Take your passport and I-20 form
- Register for classes for the next available term and print your schedule
- Fill out [I-20 Request Form](#) at least two weeks prior to travel
- Take your transcript (print unofficial transcript from Self-Service/WebAdvisor)

What should I do if I'm traveling outside the U.S., and I need to renew the visa stamp in my passport?

- Take your passport and I-20 form
- Register for classes for the next available term and print your schedule
- Fill out [I-20 Request Form](#) at least two weeks prior to travel
- Prior to your trip, visit the [US Embassy or Consular website](#) where you will obtain the visa for the latest information on local processing procedures and application forms
- Take updated financial documentation
- Take your transcript (print unofficial transcript from Self-Service/Webadvisor)

My visa has expired. Can I still re-enter the US using automatic visa revalidation if I have traveled to Canada or Mexico for less than 30 days?

The answer to this question is that it depends on several factors. We advise you to consult with IEC staff to discuss any travel plans to Canada, Mexico or any other country or visit <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel>.

If I am in Post-Completion Optional Practical Training, what documents are needed to return to the U.S.?

If you have been granted Optional Practical Training (OPT), to re-enter the U.S., you will need the following:

- Valid visa
- Valid passport
- I-20 form signed on page 2 within the last 6 months
- Employment Authorization Document (EAD card-OPT work permit)
- A letter from your employer certifying participation in OPT

For detailed information regarding travel and re-entry the U.S. in F1 and F2 visa visit:

<https://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel>.

¹ The Immigration and Nationality Act (Section 264e) requires you to always keep your immigration documents with you. Since you are temporary residents, we do not believe it is necessary (at this time) to keep the originals on you while residing in the Monmouth County. **Do** keep a **copy** of your documents on your phone, stored in the cloud, or in your wallet.