Easy steps to maintaining your Immigration status

For ALL F-1 and J-1 recipients

If you are a new arrival, report to the Office of International Student Services (OISS) as soon as you arrive on campus. The office is must report your arrival to the Department of Homeland Security within 30 days of the start of the semester.

1. Always keep your I-20/DS-2019 updated
2. Request an Extension of your I-20/DS-2019, at least 30 days before it expires
3. Get a “travel signature” from OISS before your travel outside of the continental US
4. Report to OISS the arrival of your dependents
5. Keep your passport valid at all times while in the US
6. Protect your I-94 card
7. If you plan to transfer to another school, OISS must initiate the transfer using SEVIS
8. Avoid last minute requests of services and documents.
9. Do not begin off-campus employment without getting approval in advance from OISS and or DHS
10. If you change your physical address, provide OISS with your new address within 10 days of moving to the new address

For ALL F-1 and J-1 students only

11. Always register for a full course of study. Full course of study at URI is:
    a. 12 credits for all international undergraduate students
    b. 9 credits for all international graduate students
    c. 6 credits for international graduate students that have been awarded an Assistantship or fellowship by a URI department.
12. Do not work more than 20 hours per week while school is in session
13. Report to OISS if you change and/or add another major; or your academic level
14. Consult with OISS before becoming a part-time student
15. Maintain good academic standing by keeping a good GPA
16. Do not start CPT employment until your academic advisor and OISS has approved it
17. Meet Do not enroll in more than one online course per semester (3-4 credits maximum)
18. with an OISS advisor before beginning the OPT and/or AT request process

NOTE: OISS strongly recommends that students and scholars request information from the Office of International Students Services, before they ask their friends.