

TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM THE U.S.

| Section A: Student Information | | |
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| DU ID: | LAST (FAMILY) NAME: | FIRST NAME: |
| <i>I hereby authorize the release of any information necessary and authorize any changes needed to complete my request.</i> | | |
| Please check one of the following: | <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to be absent from the U.S. less than 5 months. <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to be absent from the U.S. more than 5 months. | |
| My temporary absence from U.S. will be for (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Year: _____ When do you plan to leave the United States? (mm/dd/yyyy): ____ / ____ / ____ | | |
| Reason for Absence: | | |
| Please verify that you understand and accept the following terms by initialing each item: _____ I must inform ISSS of my decision to leave the U.S. before dropping my classes. _____ ISSS will terminate my SEVIS record (and any F-2 dependent records) for authorized early withdrawal. _____ I must depart the U.S. within 15 days of the termination of my SEVIS record. _____ All employment and training authorization ends on the date I drop my classes or the date my SEVIS record is terminated whichever is earlier. _____ If I am absent for <u>less than</u> 5 months- (a) I must inform ISSS of my return to the U.S. at least 1 month in advance of the start of classes. 1. ISSS will ask the SEVP to reactivate my SEVIS record, but ISSS cannot guarantee that SEVP will reactivate the record. 2. If SEVP does not reactivate the record, I will need a new I-20 from ISSS to return (see next section on an absence of more than 5 months). (b) If SEVP reactivates my SEVIS record, I can use my current unexpired I-20 and valid F-1 entry visa to return to the US <u>no more than 30 days before the term starts</u> . The travel signature on page 2 of Form I-20 must be less than 12 months old. (c) If SEVP reactivates my SEVIS record, I will be eligible for CPT and OPT if I was enrolled full-time for one academic year before my temporary absence. _____ If I am absent for <u>more than</u> 5 months- (a) I must submit a request to ISSS for a new I-20 with proof of financial support at least 2 months in advance of my return. (https://www.du.edu/iss/media/documents/forms/drf.pdf) (b) I must pay a new SEVIS I-901 fee (https://www.fmjfee.com). (c) I will read the section on the next page regarding the validity of my current entry visa. (d) I will not be eligible for CPT or OPT until I have completed one academic year of full-time study. _____ ISSS recommends that I keep proof of my departure date such as my boarding pass or passport arrival stamp. _____ Withdrawal from my classes may make me immediately ineligible for certain DU benefits such as campus housing, library and Ritchie Center privileges, health insurance, and the RTD EcoPass. Please speak with the appropriate campus offices for verification. | | |
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| Assigned To: | Processing Checklist: | Processing Notes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment checked by _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GA processed ____ / ____ / ____ <input type="checkbox"/> ISA processed ____ / ____ / ____ | |

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| _____ Withdrawal – I must withdraw from my classes for the term(s) of my absence. Follow the checklist at https://www.du.edu/registrar/media/documents/withdrawalchecklist.pdf | | |
| Contact information while you are absent: | Phone Number: | |
| | Email Address: | |
| STUDENT SIGNATURE: | | DATE: |

ISSS will send all communications about this request to your @du.edu email. Remember to check this account regularly.

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| SECTION B: To be completed by ISSS ADVISOR | |
| <i>I approve the student's request to withdraw from classes.</i> | |
| INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR SIGNATURE: | DATE: |
| PRINTED NAME: | PHONE: |

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| SECTION C: Internal Process |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ISA copied form and gave original to student <input type="checkbox"/> Give copy to Graduate Assistant to scan into ISSM. <input type="checkbox"/> Create <i>Terminate SEVIS Record</i> task for SEVIS Coordinator to process termination once student has dropped classes. <input type="checkbox"/> Create <i>Temporary Absence Monitoring</i> task for SEVIS Coordinator. |

Validity of the entry visa after an absence of 5 months or more

While an absence of 5 months or more requires a new Form I-20 with a new SEVIS number and payment of the SEVIS (I-901) Fee, it does not necessarily require a new entry visa with the same SEVIS number as the I-20.

Please refer to the following websites and articles regarding this issue. You should review your visa expiration date and plan accordingly. ISSS also suggests that you consider printing one or more of these articles to take with you through Customs & Border Protection.

Study in the States

What is the Five-Month Rule?: <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2015/01/what-is-the-five-month-rule>

Do Students Returning from Temporary Absences Need New Visas?: <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2017/01/questions-from-dsos-do-students-returning-from-temporary-absences-need-new-visas>