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F-1 TRANSFER IN INFORMATION

If you are transferring to Oregon State University (OSU) from another school in the U.S., you will need to complete a transfer in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). You should contact an International Student Advisor at your current school to discuss any requirements and procedures they may have concerning the transfer process.

SEVIS Transfer Process and Receiving Transfer Pending I-20

The transfer process:

1. Gain admission to OSU.
2. International Student Advisor at current school completes Part 2 of "F-1 Transfer In Form" (see reverse side).
3. Fax, email, or mail completed transfer form to the Office of International Services (OIS). This is your responsibility, though some schools may offer to fax it on your behalf.
4. International Student Advisor at current school releases your SEVIS record to OSU.
5. OIS issues a Transfer Pending I-20. Please allow 7 business days for OIS to issue Transfer Pending I-20 once SEVIS record has been released to OSU from your previous school.

Reporting to OSU and Receiving Transfer Completed I-20

After you arrive at OSU, you will need to complete three steps to meet the reporting requirement and maintain your F-1 visa status:

- Attend the International Student Orientation
- Complete Immigration Document Check-In during orientation
- Register full-time (Full-time registration in summer is also required if you are starting your program at OSU in a summer term)

Once you have completed all three reporting requirements, OIS will issue you a Transfer Completed I-20, generally by the end of the second week of the term. This I-20 will complete the transfer process to OSU and will replace your Transfer Pending I-20. This transfer complete I-20 will also come with a travel signature.

Other Considerations

Employment
You will be eligible to work on-campus (including as part of a graduate assistantship) as soon as your SEVIS record has been released to OSU. You will need a valid Transfer Pending I-20 to complete the OSU hiring paperwork.

Travel
Use your OSU Transfer Pending I-20 to re-enter the United States if you plan to travel before beginning your studies at OSU. No travel signature is needed to travel with a Transfer Pending I-20.

F-1 Visa
You do not need to apply for a new F-1 visa stamp **unless** your visa has already expired and you plan to travel outside the United States. Your current F-1 visa will remain valid until its expiration date, regardless of the school name listed on it. Use your Transfer Pending I-20 if you need to renew your F-1 visa. You do not need to pay the SEVIS fee again if you have maintained your F-1 status.