CHANGE OF LEVEL INFORMATION

After you have successfully changed your education level and completed your previous program of study at OSU or INTO OSU, you will receive a new change of level I-20 which reflects your most current program information.

An email will be sent to you by International Student Advising and Services (ISAS) when the new I-20 is ready to be picked up. Students will also receive information about having their new change of level I-20 mailed to them if necessary.

New change of level I-20s can be picked up at the ISAS office in Heckart Lodge once you receive e-mail notification that your new I-20 has been processed during business hours, Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Please also remember these important points:

- Attend the International Student Progressor Orientation (you will receive an email regarding the time and place of this orientation)
- Register full-time for your new program.

Other Important Considerations

Employment
Unless you are in the Conditional Admission Program (CAP), you will be eligible to work on-campus (including as part of a graduate assistantship) as soon as your paperwork has been processed. You will need a valid OSU I-20 to complete the OSU hiring paperwork. Remember that CAP students may not work.

Travel
Once your paperwork has been processed by ISAS, you should use your new OSU I-20 to re-enter the United States. ISAS cannot give a travel signature on an initial I-20 until you have registered for classes at OSU. However, you may still use the new I-20 to re-enter the U.S. after traveling abroad.

F-1 Visa
You will not need to apply for a new F-1 visa when requesting a change of level 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. You may use your new OSU I-20 to renew your F-1 visa. You will not need to pay the SEVIS fee again.

Information for Pathway Students Progressing to OSU Degree Program

Pathway students who are progressing to an OSU Degree Program may use their current Pathway I-20s that show education level “Other” on line 4 of the I-20 to renew an F-1 visa or to re-enter the U.S. after travelling abroad. Please contact an International Student Advisor if you have questions about this.

New change of level I-20s for Pathway students typically won’t be ready to be picked up until the second week of the new term. However, Pathway students will receive an email if their change of level I-20 is made earlier.