



PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

TRAVEL

When re-entering the United States from abroad, be sure you have with you (not in your suitcase) these items:

1. Passport valid at least 6 months into the future. Click [here](#) for a details.
2. Valid visa
3. Valid I-20 with signature from the Principle Designated School Official/Registrar less than one year old.
4. Financial documentation, less than a year old, that matches the funding stated on your I-20:
 - Government sponsorship letter
 - Diocesan sponsorship letter
 - Bank statement
5. Proof of full-time enrollment:
 - Enrollment letter

If you are traveling domestically within the U.S., we recommend that you carry your passport and current Form I-20, but no travel signature is needed.

Electronic I-94 Process

Entry information is recorded electronically by Customs and Border Protection. Students can print the I-94 form from the Customs and Border Protection website [here](#).

Visa Applications

If you are traveling and need to apply for a new U.S. visa, it is important to thoroughly review all information on the specific [Embassy's Consular Section website](#) for local procedures and instructions, such as how to make an interview appointment. Consular websites will also explain any additional procedures for students, exchange visitors and those persons who need an earlier visa interview appointment. Due to security screening procedures, international students and scholars should expect delays when attempting to get a new U.S. visa. Visa processing time can range from a few days, to six to eight weeks or longer. In some cases, the delays are indefinite.

Students with new passports not containing the visa

Individuals carrying passports issued from within the U.S. to replace the passport that contains their original nonimmigrant visa must have the old passport in their possession. Citizens of countries that keep the old passport upon issuance of a new one, therefore, are at a disadvantage when traveling to contiguous territories (i.e., Mexico, Canada, and certain adjacent islands in the Caribbean). These individuals would have to apply for a new F-1 visa before re-entering the U.S.

Some international students require a driver's license or a social security card. Please contact the Registrar if you believe that you need either of these.