



## Cultural Center for Language Studies

*Fluency in Languages*

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### Maintaining F-1 Status

To maintain F-1 status, you must comply with U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and school regulations. These regulations for maintaining your student non-immigrant status are outlined below. Next to each item, write your initials to indicate your understanding and acknowledgment of each requirement.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. You must submit and maintain the following valid documents:

- Passport
- I-20
- I-94

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. You must maintain a full course of study (a minimum of 18 hours per week).

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. You must meet the conditions of CCLS's **Satisfactory Academic Progress and Advancement Policy**. This policy requires that you maintain an attendance of eighty percent (80%) or higher and not fail a course more than once. To be promoted to the next level, a student must obtain a score of **sixty five (65)** points or higher on each exam (Midterm, final and oral exam)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. You must obtain authorization from the DSO and his or her signature on the second page of your I-20 before traveling outside of the U.S. Please notify the school of your plans at least two weeks before your trip. If you are traveling within the U.S., no signature is required. Failure to have all required documents may jeopardize your ability to re-enter the United States. Always travel with the following:

- A valid, signed form I-20
- A valid passport (good for more than six months upon arrival)
- A valid student visa (F-1)
- I-901 receipt
- Financial information showing proof of necessary funds to cover tuition and living expenses

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. As a CCLS student with an F-1 visa, you are NOT permitted to work in the U.S.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. You must notify CCLS of any change of address or phone number (whether it is here in the U.S. or in your home country). Please advise us of these changes immediately. Failure to properly notify the school is a violation of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. The U.S. does NOT offer free healthcare. Students are advised to research reputable health insurance providers and purchase adequate coverage. If you choose not to purchase health insurance, you will be solely responsible for all medical and related expenses you incur in the U.S. in case of an injury, emergency, or illness.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. You must obey all federal and state laws, including liquor laws. If you plan to drive a vehicle, you should also observe the following:

- Obtain and carry a state-issued driver's license if you are planning to stay longer than six months in the U.S.
- Purchase car insurance

- Pay any traffic tickets by mail, online, or directly to the clerk of the court at the address indicated on the citation; NEVER attempt to pay a police officer.
- Do NOT drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Do NOT carry or transport open containers of alcohol

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. You must leave the U.S. when:

- Your I-20 expires, unless you have requested an extension (F-1 students have a 60-day grace period).
- You have discontinued your course of study at CCLS and have not transferred to another school (no grace period)
- You have been terminated due to a violation of your status (no grace period)

By signing below, I acknowledge that the above requirements and school regulations contained in the Student Handbook were explained to me during the orientation session; I have understood them, and I will comply with them accordingly. I also acknowledge that failure to meet these regulations may result in the termination of my F-1 visa/status.

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Student's Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Student's Guardian (please print)  
(If student is under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date