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### F-1 Student Travel Planning

Whenever F-1 International Students wish to leave the United States temporarily and return to continue studies at the institution in which they are enrolled, they must secure the necessary documents to:

- Permit entry to another country; and
- Permit re-entry to the United States

**Entry into another country** – It is the responsibility of the student to research the entry requirements for countries other than the U.S. or their country of citizenship. To inquire about specific entry procedures for countries other than the home country, students must check with the embassy of the country they would like to visit. For a list of foreign embassies in the U.S., please visit: <https://www.state.gov/>.

**Re-entry into the U.S.** – In order to re-enter the United States after an absence of 5 months or less, an F-1 Student must have the following documents:

- **A current, unexpired passport, valid for 6 months beyond your date of return**
- **A valid F-1 Visa**
- **A properly endorsed Form I-20**
  - DSO Travel Authorization (signature) dated within 1 year
  - Program end date on I-20 must be valid beyond your date of return
  - For students in Optional Practical Training (OPT) - correct end date of your approved training period

The purpose of this form is to determine that an F-1 Student has met all requirements to receive a DSO Travel Authorization on their Form I-20.

#### Student Personal and Travel Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BCC ID: \_\_\_\_\_

SEVIS ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of anticipated travel:

Depart the U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_ Return to the U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all countries of anticipated travel during your absence from the United States:

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#### DSO Travel Authorization Requirements

- Is the student currently considered to be maintaining lawful non-immigrant status?  Yes  No
- Is the student pre-registered for the required number of credits for the upcoming semester (12 unless in last semester with RCL approved by DSO)?  Yes  No
- Is the student in good academic standing with the college?  Yes  No  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the student in good financial standing with the college?  Yes  No  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**If “no” is the response for any question(s) above, please confer with PDSO before authorizing travel by signing I-20 document. Please sign below upon travel authorization.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DSO Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

DSO: Please complete this form at meeting with student, provide original to student and retain a copy to be placed in student’s permanent file located in Records.