



DOCUMENT	DESCRIPTION		NOTES
I-20	White, three-page document issued by educational institution to individuals for U.S. entry in F-1 status for purpose of studying. Separate I-20 issued for each dependent (F-2).		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read I-20 carefully. Sign before leaving home country! • Keep I-20 with passport to present to immigration officer when entering U.S. • Keep all I-20s from schools attended with new I-20
DS-2019	White, two-page document issued by certified J-1 program sponsor to individuals for U.S. entry in J-1 status as exchange visitors. Separate DS-2019 issued for each dependent (J-2).		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read DS-2019 carefully. Sign before leaving home country! • Keep DS-2019 with passport to present to immigration officer when entering U.S. • Keep all DS-2019s from schools attended with new DS-2019
I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record)	Small, white card issued prior to entering U.S. Immigration officer stamps I-94 to reflect date, place of entry, status granted, and length of stay permitted.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For F-1 or J-1 status entry, immigration officer should write "D/S" (duration of status) on card • As long as you maintain status, you are permitted to remain in U.S.
Passport	Document issued by home country for travel. Non-U.S. citizens must have valid passport to enter U.S., with a few exceptions.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must maintain valid passport for duration of stay in U.S. • It is your responsibility to remember passport expiration and to contact nearest home country embassy for renewal
Port of Entry (POE)	Place where you enter U.S. and are processed by an immigration official.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At POE, you must show valid passport and visa (if required), original I-20/DS-2019, and proof of finances
Two Year Home Residency Requirement: 212(e)	J-1 exchange visitors subject to 212(e) must return to home country for an aggregate of two years upon completion of studies.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waivers of 212(e) are possible but may be difficult when government funding or graduate medical training is involved • Waiver information is available at ISSS
Visa	Stamped or affixed entry sticker in passport for U.S. entry in the immigration status specified on visa.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visa is for U.S. entry purposes only. The visa may expire while you are in the U.S.
STATUS	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH OF STAY	NOTES
F-1	Student pursuing a full course of study	Duration of program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student must attend school that issued I-20 used for U.S. entry
F-2	Dependent of F-1	Same as F-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO employment permitted • NO full-time academic degree enrollment
J-1	Exchange Visitor	Duration of program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued to exchange visitors and government sponsored students • May be subject to Two Year Home Residency Requirement • May enroll in full-time academic degree program
J-2	Dependent of J-1	Same as J-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment permitted with prior authorization • Subject to 212(e), if J-1 is subject
B-1/B-2	Visitor for business or pleasure	Typically 6 months or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic study prohibited • Employment severely limited • Change to student status very difficult