



California State University, Los Angeles

International Office

Information for Students Returning on an Initial I-20

This information is for international students who have been issued an “Initial” I-20 in order to re-enter the United States after leave of absence for more than 5 months or for reinstating your status.

You are required to do the following as soon as you receive your new I-20:

- Sign your I-20 as soon as you receive it.
- Note the new SEVIS number - you now have a new SEVIS record.
- Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee at www.fmjfee.com. The receipt will be required at the port of entry along with your “Initial” I-20, passport, F-1 visa, and I-94.
- Verify with the U.S. embassy in your home country whether you need to obtain a new F-1 visa since you now have a new SEVIS record. Preliminary visa information is available at http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html#return
- Check GET for your registration appointment.
Submit a proof of health insurance to the International Office so that we can waive the registration hold. Please ensure that you enroll on the first available registration appointment date. Classes will fill up quickly. You are responsible for enrolling full time as well as paying the fees by the deadline.

You are required to do the following as soon as you arrive in the United States:

- Earliest date you can enter United States is 30 days prior to the program start date.
- Arrive in the U.S. no later than the program starting date and report to the International Office as soon as you arrive to Cal State LA with valid passport, F-1 visa, stamped I-20, and I-94 (front and back) to check in.
- Contact the International Office if you have questions or need additional help.
- Important: You are responsible for complying with all requirements. Failure to do so will jeopardize your legal immigration status in the United States.