California State University, Los Angeles
Office of the Registrar
Petition for Student Leaves of Absence

File this form at the Records Office, Adm. 409 (after obtaining appropriate approvals) at least three weeks before the end of the term preceding your leave of absence. Petitions submitted after the published deadline will incur a $25 late fee.

Name (last, first, m.i.) ___________________________ Campus Identification Number ___________________________

Address ______________________________________ Telephone __________________________________________

City, State, Zip ____________________________ Today’s Date ____________________________

Class Level ____________________________ Degree and major objective (option if applicable) __________

Term and year you will return to Cal State L.A. ____________________________

Are you filing this petition to extend a previously approved leave? ______ Yes ______ No

My activities during my leave of absence will contribute to my educational objectives as stated below.

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Student’s signature ___________________________ Today’s date ____________________________

(circle one) Approve Disapprove

Major department/division chair ___________________________ Date ____________________________

(circle one) Approve Disapprove

School graduate dean ___________________________ Date ____________________________

(circle one) Approve Disapprove

(Required for graduate students)

International student adviser ___________________________ Date ____________________________

(circle one) Approve Disapprove

(Required for visa students) (Approval does not grant authorization to remain in U.S. See reverse side.)

Registrar ___________________________ Date ____________________________

(circle one) Approve Disapprove

Comments:_______________________________________________________________________

(For office use only)

Last attended Cal State L.A. ____________ Registration Preference Number ____________

Registration date ____________________________

Residence status:

___ Resident for fee purposes ___ Nonresident (determined by) __________________

Degree granted after last attendance? ___ Yes ___ No

Disqualified? ___ Yes ___ No

Financial hold? ___ Yes ___ No

Copies to: ____________________________________________

_____ Student ____________________________________________

_____ School graduate dean ____________________________________________

_____ Registrar ____________________________________________

_____ Department/division ____________________________________________

_____ International Student ____________________________________________

(See reverse side for Student Leave of Absence policy)

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Policy for Student Leaves of Absence

Students may petition for a leave of absence for reasons such as:

(a) professional or academic opportunities: e.g. travel or study abroad, employment related to educational goals and majors fields of study, or participation in field study or research projects;
(b) medical reasons: e.g. pregnancy, major surgery, or other health-related problems; or
(c) financial reasons: e.g. the necessity to work for a specified period in order to resume study with adequate resources.

Evaluation for leave of absence petitions considers the student’s stated plans and how a leave would contribute to educational objectives. During the leave students must plan their activities and time of return. They also must justify maintaining continuous student standing. In the case of a medical or financial leave, they must state how they plan to remain current with or advance in their academic field.

Undergraduate students may request a leave of absence that lasts between two and four semesters. Graduate students are granted a maximum of two semesters, subject to renewal. Continuing students’ allowed absence of one semester is included in these maxima. These totals exclude Summer and Winter terms.

Students must file a petition with the Records Office after action by their major department/division chair no later than three weeks before the end of the term preceding the proposed leave. Graduate and postbaccalaureate students must also obtain the school graduate dean’s approval. Please refer to the Academic Calendar for published deadlines. Submissions received after the published deadline are subject to a $25 late submission fee. Approval entitles students to continuing student status for registration purposes, provided they return no later than the term specified in their approved petition. Students must drop their classes if enrolled for the term(s) of their proposed leave.

Continuing students returning from a leave of absence are entitled to priority registration privileges (i.e., they may register with all other continuing students) and are not required to apply for readmission.

Classification/Catalog status

- Undergraduate students retain current catalog requirements for graduation.
- Classified postbaccalaureate and graduate students retain classified standing.
- Unclassified postbaccalaureate and conditionally classified graduate students who have an approved program on file in their school graduate studies office are subject to the conditions of those programs.
- All others are subject to the catalog requirements in effect when they return.

Special note for international (visa) students:

Approval of a leave of absence request by the University does not affect the Immigration and Naturalization Service law which states that visa students may remain in the United State only while they are carrying a full program of studies. Therefore, visa students should request a leaves of absence only if they plan to leave the United States for an extended period of time.