

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE / F-1 STATUS STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. I understand that I must attend only the college that has issued an I-20 to me. If I want to transfer to a new school, I must obtain a new I-20 from that school. If I want to study part-time at another school while I attend Santa Barbara City College (SBCC), I must first obtain permission from the SBCC Office of International Student Support Program (ISSP).
2. I understand that I am not permitted to work off-campus nor engage in business while I am in the United States unless I have permission from my Advisor/DSO and/or an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) from DHS.
3. I understand that in order to remain in the United States legally, I must maintain my status. This means that I must have a valid passport and I-20. I must complete at least 12 units per semester with a 2.0 GPA or better. **If I think I cannot complete 12 units in a semester, I must talk to my Academic Counselor AND International Student Advisor BEFORE I drop a class, and BEFORE the end of the semester.** I may be eligible to complete fewer than 12 units if I follow these procedures. Attendance is required to maintain legal status. Three absences and you may be dropped; three tardies = one absence. I understand that I must complete PD 101B in my first year of academic studies.
4. Only 3.0 units of Academic Online/Independent Study courses will count towards 12.0 units. Students in the English Language Program are not allowed to enroll in any online courses.
5. I understand that if I want to visit another country, I must obtain a signature on my I-20 from a Designated School Official (DSO) before I travel. I can find a DSO in the ISSP office. Please submit your I-20 one week before travel date.
6. I understand that as an F-1 student, I may remain in the U.S. only for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study at a specified school. Once I complete my course of study, I must leave the U.S. within 15 days after the end of my last semester if I do not graduate/transfer/ or apply for OPT; or 60 days from my graduation date or Optional Practical Training Completion date. **Before I return permanently to my home country, I understand that I must submit a copy of my flight details to my International Student Advisor.** It is my responsibility to drop the courses in which I enrolled in no later than the Friday prior to the first day of the semester; otherwise I will be responsible to pay for all of the semester's assessed registration fees.
7. I understand that if I violate my visa status for any reason, I must leave the country or apply for reinstatement and pay a fee of approximately \$300. In addition, my Advisor/DSO will notify immigration of my violation.
8. I understand that if I change my address, I must update the information on my SBCC Pipeline Account **and** notify the ISSP Office within 10 days.
9. I understand that I must maintain valid medical insurance each semester and I am required to purchase the school endorsed insurance at registration.
10. I understand that as a transfer student, I must report to the ISSP Office within 15 days from the start of classes to complete my transfer process.
11. I understand that I must schedule an appointment with my International Student Advisor at least once every semester to review my immigration and academic status.
12. I understand that I will check my Pipeline E-mail on a regular basis for information from the ISSP Office.

I have read and understand my responsibilities as a non-immigrant F-1 student. I understand that if I fail to maintain my status or to comply with these regulations, I may lose my F-1 privileges and may be deported from the U.S. I further authorize Santa Barbara City College to release to any Federal or State Agency of the United States, or any governmental funding agency, any information requested bearing on my status as a non-immigrant F-1 student and my places of residence in the United States.

Signature

Today's Date

Print Your Name

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