

Maintenance of Status and I-94 Consent Form

International Scholars Operations (ISO)

Maintenance of status is essential to your ability to remain legally in the United States. Violating your status can have serious consequences ranging from the denial of a petition to change or extend status, to initiation of removal (deportation) proceedings against you by the U.S. government, to a three- or ten-year bar on entry into the U.S. Violations of status include, **but are not limited to**:

- (1) Unauthorized work (with or without pay);
- (2) Failure to timely extend nonimmigrant status;
- (3) Dropping below full-time status (as a student OR an employee);
- (4) Lying to the U.S. government;
- (5) Commission of crimes; and
- (6) Purchase, sale, use, or possession of illegal drugs (including marijuana).

In order to remain in the U.S., it is very important that you avoid violating your status and that you check your I-94 Arrival/Departure record at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/> **every time** you enter the United States to make sure that it is accurate. In particular, please make sure that your I-94 record lists the correct visa category and “admit until” date. If there are any errors on your I-94 record, please contact ISO right away so that we can provide information on how to have them corrected by U.S. Customs & Border Protection.

→ **For more information on the I-94 record, please see:**

<https://ap.washington.edu/ahr/visas/scholar-resources/important-documents/i94/>

→ **For more information on maintenance of J-1 status, please see:**

<https://ap.washington.edu/ahr/visas/scholar-resources/j1/maintaining-j1-status/>

→ **For more information on maintenance of H-1B status, please see:**

<https://ap.washington.edu/ahr/visas/scholar-resources/h1b/maintaining-h1b-status/>

If you have questions about the I-94 record or maintenance of status, or if you believe that you may have violated your status at any time, please contact ISO at acadvisa@uw.edu or by phone at 206-221-8927, but please note that ISO is unable to provide individualized legal advice.

1. I understand that failure to maintain my status may result in removal from the United States or bars on reentry. If I have any concerns about maintenance of status or become aware of a possible status violation, I will immediately contact ISO.
2. I agree to check my I-94 Arrival/Departure Record at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/> every time after I return from international travel. By signing this document, I also grant permission to all ISO employees to use my passport information to access my I-94 record in connection with any visa matter requiring UW sponsorship.

Signature

Date

Name