

F-1 VISA STATUS: STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

You are solely responsible for maintaining your F-1 visa status. Failure to abide by the F-1 visa regulations, may be considered a violation of your visa status and you may be required to depart from the U.S.

Read the F-1 visa regulations and college requirements below.

Contact your SBCC International Student Advisor if you have any questions.

ARRIVAL: When arriving to the United States you must:

- Enter the United States no more than 30 days before your program of study begins.
- Check in at the SBCC International Office by the program start date listed on your I-20.

DOCUMENTS: While studying in the United States you must:

- Maintain a valid passport and I-20 (do not let these expire; request an extension before they expire)
- Present a valid passport, F-1 visa, and I-20 each time you enter the United States to study.
- Carry a copy of your most recent I-94 at all times. We will show you how to find this after you enter the U.S.
- Complete your I-20 transfer within 15 days of the start of the semester if transferring from another U.S. school.
- Update your student portal within 10 days of changing your address, phone number, or email address.

EDUCATION: While studying in the United States, you must:

- Attend your classes and maintain a 2.00 GPA. If a class is too difficult, contact an Academic Counselor or Int'l Advisor.
- Take a full course of study each term (12 units); if you cannot study full-time, contact your Int'l Advisor.
 - Academic Program: You can take one online class (3 units max) as part of your 12 units. Extra units above 12 can also be taken online.
 - ESL Program: You may not take online classes as part of your 12 units. Units above 12 can be taken online.
- Obtain permission from an Int'l Advisor if you want to take a class at another school while attending SBCC.

TALK WITH YOUR ADVISOR FIRST: Your Int'l Advisor should be the first person you contact if you have questions about the legal requirements of your stay in the United States. Contact your Int'l Advisor if you are planning to do any of the following:

Change your major, program, or education level	Take a break from school or end your studies at SBCC
Request permission for employment or internship	Request a program extension - BEFORE program end date
Decide to drop a class below 12 units	Take a class at another school
Transfer to a new school. You must attend classes until the semester ends or the date your I-20 is released.	Travel outside the United States (request a travel signature from your Advisor)

EMPLOYMENT: You may only work when authorized by an Advisor (including on-campus jobs, off-campus jobs and internships, even if unpaid). If you choose to work without authorization, you may be in violation of your F-1 visa and may not be able to re-enter the United States in the future.

I-20 PROGRAM END DATE: When your program end date is reached, you have a 30-day grace period to one of the following:

- Submit a request to transfer your I-20 to another school. Submit BEFORE departure from the U.S. if traveling.
- Apply for OPT if you completed an associate degree or certificate program. (optional benefit)
- Depart from the U.S. NOTE: Your grace period is reduced to 15 days if you do not complete your program.
- If you are unable to complete your program on time, you must request an extension BEFORE your program end date.

Personal email:

Type Your Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS & AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

List two people SBCC may contact on your behalf in an emergency. One contact must be a parent or legal guardian. The other contact may be another relative or friend who can contact your parent or legal guardian.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Relationship: _____	Relationship: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
E-mail: _____	E-mail: _____

Note: ISSP staff = SBCC International Student Support Program staff or Dean

- I authorize SBCC staff to contact the person(s) listed above in case of a legal or medical emergency, and/ or any extraordinary circumstances.
- I authorize a representative of the hospital or medical facility, in which I am treated for medical, psychological, or urgent care, to release information regarding my condition and prognosis to an Advisor/DSO or Dean at Santa Barbara City College. I authorize SBCC staff to release information on my condition to a hospital/medical facility representative.
- I authorize SBCC Health/Counseling staff to provide information to ISSP staff regarding medical treatment, psychological treatment, and testing reports. I authorize ISSP staff to provide information to SBCC Health/Counseling staff.
- I authorize SBCC staff to notify my professors if I am in the hospital and unable to attend class.
- I authorize SBCC staff to contact and discuss with the persons listed above my academic and visa status.
- I authorize my homestay representative to release, exchange, and / or discuss information regarding my housing situation with an SBCC staff member to ensure the best possible assistance is given, without liability to either party.
- I authorize SBCC to use my photograph in any and all publications for SBCC marketing and publicity purposes, including web site entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I hereby authorize SBCC to copy, exhibit, publish or distribute my photo, and I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my photo appears.
- I authorize SBCC staff to release any information from my records which is required by Department of Homeland Security pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my visa status.
- I authorize SBCC staff to access my I-94 record as needed to verify entry and departure information associated with my passport number.
- I authorize SBCC staff to release any information from my records to my referring agency.
- I authorize SBCC staff to release any information from my school or SEVIS records to the government agency that provides funding for my education.
- I authorize ISSP staff to discuss pending claims with Relation Benefits and Insurance Solutions.

Student Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

Student Name and Email _____