

Travel Instruction and Information



Planning is the key. Think several weeks in advance about what you will need for your trip, so you will not be stressed out at the last minute. "Turn-around time" in OIA is a minimum of one week.

What do you need to submit to 215 Bradley Hall for a travel endorsement on your I-20?

- **Travel Request form**

If you will be applying for a new F-1 visa, remember to check "yes" on the Travel Request.

- **Original I-20**

- **Unofficial transcript** (Check under "myUK" on the U.K. main website www.uky.edu)

This will show the semester for which you have completed Priority Registration, if applicable, and each semester you have been enrolled at UK.

If there have been **any major changes in your financial support**, please bring written documentation from the funding source (i.e. change from personal funds to assistantship, etc.). We will issue an updated I-20 prior to your departure.

What do you need in order to re-enter the United States?

VISA (to the U.S) - If it will expire prior to re-entry, you will have to apply at a US Embassy or Consulate to have it renewed before returning to the United States. You should make an appointment with the US Embassy or Consulate BEFORE you leave the U.S. Due to security checks, the visa process may be delayed, so you need to plan for this. Check the State Department website prior to booking your ticket: www.travel.state.gov

If you have changed your visa status to F-1 in the United States, you will have to apply for an F-1 visa at a US Embassy or Consulate before returning to the United States. Remember, you are currently in "F-1 status" but you do not have an "F-1 Visa."

PASSPORT - valid for a minimum of 6 months into the future

I-20 - with DSO endorsement signature on page 3 - valid for one year

Students are advised to carry additional documentation for travel purposes:

- Official Transcript
- Enrollment Certification" letter from Registrar's office for the current semester and the semester for which you have completed Priority Registration
- All previous I-20's
- Financial verification (bank statement, letter awarding assistantship, etc.)

Each dependent in F-2 status must have his/her I-20 endorsed in order to travel abroad.

CANADIAN LANDED IMMIGRANTS

Visa Requirements for Permanent Resident Aliens of the Commonwealth and Ireland (Landed Immigrants) Residing in Canada

All landed immigrants in Canada seeking to enter the United States as non-immigrants must possess a valid passport and non-immigrant visa in order to enter (exceptions noted on the website):

www.usembassycanada.gov

STUDENTS TRAVELING TO 'Contiguous Territories' (Canada, Mexico, and the "adjacent islands" other than Cuba)

"Automatic revalidation of visa" is a benefit that allows certain non-immigrants to reenter the United States after a 30-day or less visit to a contiguous territory, without having to obtain a new visa prior to re-entry.

The following countries are not eligible for the automatic revalidation benefit:

Iraq, Iran, Syria, Libya, Sudan, North Korea, and Cuba.

Any nonimmigrant (not just someone from the 7 countries listed above) who chooses to apply for a new visa while in contiguous territory will no longer be eligible for the "automatic revalidation" benefit during the course of that trip, but would rather have to wait until the visa is granted in order to re-enter the United States.

The rule does not appear to affect the availability of the "automatic revalidation of visa" benefit for those who choose not to apply for a new visa while in "contiguous territory," as long as they are not from one of the 7 countries.

For more detailed information, go to the State Department website: www.travel.state.gov

STUDENTS FROM COUNTRIES REQUIRING SPECIAL REGISTRATION

Special Registration is a program of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The most up to date information on this program is located on the ICE website at www.ice.dhs.gov. There are specific procedures you must follow prior to leaving the United States. You must notify Immigration and leave only through a designated port. **If you fail to do this, you will be denied re-entry into the United States.**