

TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE U.S.

Travel Procedures

1. Obtain travel signature from Office of International Program. Please allow five working days to process your request.
2. If your F-1 visa stamp expired, you will need to apply for a new visa stamp to reenter the U.S. Extra time is needed if we need to issue a new I-20 to reflect a new major, new educational level, new dependent information, or new funding source. Please provide us with any new information and supporting document. You will carry your old I-20, new I-20, passport, official transcript, and new financial document to apply for a new F-1 visa at the U.S. Consulate. See [What Items Do Returning Students Need](#).

Travel to Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean F-1 students may re-enter the U.S. with an expired visa if you travel to Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean for less than 30 days (a travel signature from OIP is still required). However, [automatic visa revalidation](#) is NOT available for all students. Please check with an OIP advisor for details.

- [Check and see if you need a visitor's visa to enter Canada](#)
- [Information to apply for a Canadian visa](#)
- [Check and see if you need a visitor's visa to enter Mexico](#)

Canadian Consulate in Chicago: 2 Prudential Plaza, 180 N Stetson AV., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60601. Tel: 312-616-1860

Mexican Consulate in Chicago: 204 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60607. Tel: 312-855-1380 Fax: 312-855-9257

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