



## Dear International Students,

It's almost here, the end of the semester!! **Congrats to those who are graduating, and best wishes in your future!**

If you are graduating, please take a close look at [this information about your Final Term](#).

**For those of you who will still be in regular student status AFTER the Spring 2021 semester (i.e. you are NOT completing your degree in May 2021 and will be taking classes in Summer or Fall 2021), here are [4 important reminders](#):**

### Reminder #1

If any updates need to be made to details in your immigration record, please report them immediately. You can notify us through e-form requests for some of these functions on [iValpo](#). Here are a few common updates which students often need to report:

- **U.S. residential address** (iValpo e-form)
- **Major on your I-20** (iValpo e-form)
- **Dependent information** (iValpo e-form)
- **Change of Financial sponsorship information** on your I-20 (notify OIP [staff member](#))
- **Degree level** from bachelors to masters (notify OIP [staff member](#))

### Reminder #2

International Travel checklist:

- **Keep alert to changes in the restrictions on international travel.** Although the pandemic situation is improving in some places, there are many other places where it is still serious and new lockdowns/closures are being implemented. **So, please be aware that even if travel & borders are open when you leave the U.S., you may be restricted from re-entering the U.S. at a later date.** Keep a close eye on the [CDC](#) and [U.S. State Department](#) travel warning/regulations websites.
- **Getting the Covid-19 vaccine** before you leave the U.S. will give you much more freedom as you travel this summer, so if you have not gotten it already, [consider scheduling a vaccine appointment](#) before you leave.
- **I-20/DS-2019 signature for international travel.** If your I-20/DS-2019 has not yet been signed **on page 2 in the Spring 2021 semester**, please submit the Reprint I-20 Request e-form on iValpo, select the reason of "travel", and we will process the I-20 signed for travel within 5 business days.
- **Check the expiration dates on your visa, I-20/DS-2019, and passport.** You can't come back into the US if any of them are expired! Your I-20 must be extended before it expires, and allow for enough time in your home country if you need to renew your visa or passport. [Click here](#) to check out our helpful tips for getting an F-1/J-1 visa. **Furthermore, some consulates/embassies are closed or have very limited appointments due to the pandemic situation**, so if you need to renew your visa, it may be risky to try to do that this summer.
- **List of documents to carry** when you travel outside the U.S. (especially when re-entering the U.S.):
  - **Passport** (valid for at least 6 months from the date of your return to the U.S.) and visa which has not expired.
  - **I-20 or DS-2019** signed on pg 2 during Spring 2021 semester.
  - **Class schedule** showing full-time attendance for the Fall 2021 semester.
  - **I-901** (SEVIS Fee) Receipt. To print your receipt, go to this page: [SEVIS Fee Payment/Status](#)
  - **OIP contact info** (219-464-5333)
  - **VUPD contact info** (219-464-5430)
- Check [this page on our website](#) for complete travel information and tips.

### Reminder #3

**Even while in the U.S., you are required to carry your I-94 record with you** at all times. And remember that if you travel outside the U.S., when you return, your I-94 is updated, so make sure you have the most current version and it is correct (F-1 D/S status, correct name & passport info); [click here](#) to retrieve your current I-94. If you arrive in the U.S. by land, you may still receive a paper I-94.

### Reminder #4

**If, after the end of the Spring 2021 semester, you are taking a leave of absence, withdrawing from school, or will be suspended,** you must notify and schedule an appointment with Janice Lin ([janice.lin@valpo.edu](mailto:janice.lin@valpo.edu)) immediately.

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**Thank you, and all the best for a great semester ahead! Contact us if you have any questions ([OIP Staff page](#)).**



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