

SEVIS Transfer - Frequently Asked Questions & Essential Information

Make sure to review the [New Student & Family Programs website](#). This website contains essential information created to help you prepare for entering the U.S., completing orientation requirements, and settling into life here in Boulder.

When you arrive on the University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) campus you must complete the check in process with International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). Visit the [International Student and Scholar Services](#) website for details on the check-in process.

Please take note of your Program Start Date on your Form I-20 under the “Program of Study” section. All international students in F-1 status MUST arrive no later than the Program Start Date reflected on their Form I-20. Your check-in with ISSS must be completed withing 15 days of the Program Start Date indicated on your CU Boulder I-20. *Note: The Program Start Date may be the date of any required orientations or other activities **before** the start of classes. The Start of Classes date is also reflected on your I-20.*

Benefits to a SEVIS transfer:

- You do not pay the \$350 **I-901 SEVIS fee** again.
- You can remain in the U.S. in between programs.
- You maintain the same current SEVIS ID number, which may make you eligible for certain benefits, such as CPT eligibility.

Common Questions and Answers:

Question: When can I get my new I-20?

Answer: Your transfer Form I-20 cannot be issued until your SEVIS record has been released by your current school to the University of Colorado Boulder. A few days after the release date, CU Boulder International Admissions will email you your CU Boulder I-20

Question: Will the SEVIS transfer affect my ability to work off campus?

Answer: Yes. On your release date, any currently approved OPT/CPT or other form of off-campus work authorization is cancelled (regardless of the end date printed on your EAD or CPT authorization I-20) If you plan to work using the OPT benefit before beginning your program at CU Boulder, please coordinate with both schools to determine an appropriate transfer release date.

Question: Will the SEVIS transfer affect my ability to work on-campus?

Answer: Please discuss with your current school the last day you may work on their campus. After your transfer release date, you may begin working **on-campus** at CU Boulder. It is best practice to complete your [check-in process](#) with ISSS before you begin working on campus.

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Question: Do I need to renew my F-1 visa?

Answer: Your F-1 visa is an entry document that must be valid when entering the U.S. from abroad. If your F-1 visa has expired and you will travel internationally, you need to apply for and receive a new F-1 [visa](#) before you re-enter the U.S. You will need to use your Form I-20 issued by CU Boulder to renew your visa. You will need to check with the U.S. embassy/consulate where you will apply for a new F-1 visa to confirm what other documents are needed and what the process is to apply for a new F-1 visa.

You may remain inside the U.S. with an expired F-1 visa if you have followed the proper transfer procedures and maintain your F-1 status by following the F-1 regulations.

Question: Can I use my current F-1 visa that lists my previous school's name to enter the U.S. even though I am changing schools?

Answer: If you have followed the proper transfer procedures, you will be able to use your current, unexpired F-1 visa to re-enter the U.S. from abroad even though it has your previous school's name printed on it.

Question: If I leave the U.S. after my transfer release date, can I enter the U.S. more than 30 days before my CU Boulder Form I-20 program start date?

Answer: Yes. As a SEVIS transfer student, you are not subject to the 30-day entry restriction (entering no earlier than 30 days before your program starts) and can enter the U.S. at any point before your CU Boulder program start date.