

## Important Travel Info for F-1 Students

Please review this information. It applies when you are traveling to attend NYFA for the first time and every other time you may travel while you are a student.

***Pre-departure: first time students – you can only enter the US within 30 days of the program start date on the I 20 certificate!***

Hand carry (do not check with your suitcase) the following documents:

- A. Your passport
- B. I-20 Certificate
- C. I-901 SEVIS fee receipt
- D. Evidence of financial resources (financial/bank documents)
- E. Evidence of your student status (acceptance letter or tuition receipts)

\* If you don't have an I-20 for any reason, contact the International Student Office before traveling!

It's a good idea to have your documents in a folder or some organized method to present at Customs.

***Pre-departure: continuing students - all of the above applies plus***

If you are traveling outside the US after you have started school (not your first entry), you must have a travel signature on page 2 of your I-20 from an International Advisor.

Don't travel without this unless it's an emergency!! Without the travel signature you will experience delays in being admitted and could be denied admission.

See your International Advisor at NYFA before you travel!

**THE TRAVEL SIGNATURE ONLY APPLIES TO CONTINUING STUDENTS, NOT FIRST TIME ENTRY**

### ***Upon Entry to U.S.***

- Inform the Customs and Border Patrol officer at the port of entry as soon as possible that you are a **F-1** student
- Make sure your passport is marked correctly by the Customs Officer. It should be stamped with the date and "F-1".
- After each entry in to the US you should check your electronic I 94 number (admissions/departure record). You should visit <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/> to retrieve your electronic I-94 number and print out a copy for your records.

## ***Upon Arrival in US***

You must report to the International Student Office upon your initial entry (the first time you arrive to start school) so that you can be registered in the SEVIS system.

**Even if you decide not to attend school, you must report to the International Student Office or you will go out of status and risk immigration problems.**

At the latest, you must report by the first day of class. Failure to do this may cause you to go into unlawful immigration status, so don't neglect this!

## ***Departure***

You have 60 days after your program end date to leave the US, take another course at NYFA, transfer to another F1 school or apply for OPT (one/two year students only).

Remember that the visa allows you to enter the US and the I 20 determines how long you can stay. You can enter up to 30 days before the program start date on the I 20 and can stay up to 60 days after the program end date regardless if your visa is valid or not.

## **Contact:**

Any questions about travel, how long you can stay or anything at all - contact the NYFA International Student Office:

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