

Information for F-1 Students Engaged in Optional Practical Training

During your OPT, you continue to be in F-1 status and Troy University is responsible for maintaining your immigration record

YOU are responsible for providing the following information to the International Student Advisor during OPT period

- Current address, telephone number, email address
- Change of status to a different category (please provide proof)
- Departure from the U.S. prior to the expiration date of your OPT
- Admission to pursue another degree program
 - Once your record is changed from initial to active status for the new degree program, OPT is no longer valid

Travel outside the United States after OPT has been approved

You must have the following documents to reenter the U.S.

- Valid SEVIS I-20 showing OPT approval dates and International Student Advisor's signature for travel within the last 12 months
- Valid visa
 - If your F-1 visa has expired, you must obtain a new visa from a U.S. Consulate abroad prior to reentering the U.S. You must contact the consular office where you plan to apply to find out the application requirements and processing times. If OPT is very important to you, you should consider the possibility that you may not be granted the visa and would not be allowed to return to the U.S.
- Valid passport (valid for at least six months after your expected arrival date back into the U.S.)
- OPT Card (Employment Authorization Document or EAD)
- Proof of employment offer (letter from employer – should include the date they are expecting you to begin or return to the position)

According to SEVIS operating procedures, if your OPT has been approved and you depart before