

Warren County Community College International Students Information and Guidelines

Welcome to WCCC! As an F-1 student you have the ability to study within the United States until the completion of your degree program. However, this entails certain responsibilities that must be met in order to remain a student in good standing.

Remaining enrolled full-time:

You must continue to be enrolled full-time at WCCC (minimum of 12 credits each in fall and spring semesters). Dropping below 12 credits this will violate your F-1 status. At least 9 credits must be on-campus courses. A request to drop below full-time status must occur when an unexpected situation arises. The request should be in writing and submitted to the college's **International Student Advisor (ISA)**, who will either approve or deny your request.

Employment:

Students are not eligible for employment at WCCC while on F-1 status

Changing your major:

To maintain your F-1 status you must be enrolled in a program of study at WCCC. You are permitted to change your major; but you must first meet with the ISA to discuss your choice. You must complete and submit a **Change of Major Form**. A new I-20 will be issued reflecting the change in major. The change in major cannot impact the length of time you were initially allocated to complete your degree and/or remain in the U.S.

Changing your address or contact information:

Immigration requires that a student's address must be kept up-to-date. Therefore, if you change your address, home/cell phone number, or your e-mail address, you must complete and submit a **Change of Address Form**.

Leaving and returning the U.S.

If you want to leave and return to the U.S. while you are enrolled at WCCC, your I-20 must be signed by the ISA. Otherwise, you will not be allowed to return to the U.S. Schedule an appointment with the ISA to have an updated I-20 printed and signed prior to leaving the country.

Transferring to another college/university:

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), requires all colleges and universities to keep track when F-1 students leave a school and the school to which the student is transferring. Therefore, if you hold a student Visa you cannot leave WCCC without notifying the ISA. Without a release from WCCC you will be in violation of your F-1 status and no other college or university will be able to enroll you. If you plan to transfer to another institution it is incumbent upon you to speak with the ISA before you leave.

Information, Questions or Concerns:

The ISA is the person that you should always contact first if you have questions or experience any type of difficulty. The ISA is available by phone (908-835-2307), e-mail (shorwath@warren.edu), or stop in to Student Services.