

MESSIAH COLLEGE

Preparing for Summer Vacation and Beyond

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WORKING OFF-CAMPUS

Apply by May 1, 2018

Have you secured a job off campus this summer? If so, please remember that current F-1 students are only authorized to work off campus as a part of Curricular Practical Training (CPT). CPT has a curricular purpose and is meant to further a student's academic studies; it is not employment for financial reasons. Therefore, in order to be authorized for CPT, you must be enrolled to receive academic credit through Messiah College. During the summer, you must be enrolled in at least a 1-credit internship class (\$525) through the Career and Professional Development Center. For more information, please visit our website by **clicking here**. If you are interested, don't forget to set an appointment with Luiza Cliver before May 1.



TRAVELING OVER SUMMER

WATCH OUR TRAVEL VIDEO! ([click here](#))

Before traveling:

Are you planning to leave the United States over summer?

If so, please contact Luiza Cliver at least two weeks before your travel date to get your I-20 signed. *Luiza will be on-campus over summer, but it is important to e-mail ahead of time to schedule an appointment so that you can ensure she will be available.*

Please remember to look at the expiration date on your passport. Your passport needs to be valid for at least six months after the date your plan to re-enter the United States.

Please check your F-1 Visa. Although you can stay in the US on an expired F-1 Visa, you must have a valid visa in order to re-enter the country.

Traveling within the US?

If you plan to travel in the US using public transportation, you should still plan to have your passport and most recent I-20 on your person. Remember to keep these items safe as they include your personal information. Passports can be extremely difficult to replace.



WHEN SHOULD I CONTACT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS?

WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE REACH OUT!



Are you thinking of working off campus?

Do you want to learn more about Optional Practical Training (OPT)?

Have you lost your passport?

Are you planning to study abroad or do a cross-cultural course?

Do you need your I-20 signed?

Have you changed your major?

Are you now a US permanent resident?

Have you recently gotten engaged to a US Citizen?

Are you wondering if you are allowed to start your own business or make money on the side?

Do you want to volunteer regularly off campus?

Have you been placed on academic probation?

Are you considering taking time away from Messiah?

Do you need to take an online class in your last semester?

Are you planning on applying for a Social Security Card or Driver's License?

These are just some example of questions that may impact your F-1 visa status. if you find yourself wondering about these things or have additional questions, please contact us.
