

# KNOW THE NUMBERS: F-1

1	<b>Academic year:</b> You must have been maintaining F-1 status for one academic year to be eligible to apply for practical training or off-campus employment.
5	<b>Months:</b> The amount of time you can be outside the U.S. during an approved leave of absence before you are no longer eligible to have your SEVIS record reactivated. Also the maximum number of months you can remain in the U.S. during a transfer before you must resume a program of study.
9	<b>Credits:</b> Full time enrollment for graduate students.
10	<b>Days:</b> The amount of time you have to report a change of name, address, or employment to ISSS.
12	<b>Credits:</b> Full time enrollment for undergraduate students. <b>Months:</b> The maximum amount of time that a student can be authorized for a reduced course load for medical reasons. Also the amount of time after degree completion that a student can work in the U.S. with Optional Practical Training.
15	<b>Days:</b> The amount of time you have to leave the country after an approved withdraw from all classes. Also the number of days before the program start date that transfer students have to report to the new school.
24	<b>Months:</b> The amount of time STEM majors may apply to extend their Optional Practical Training.
30	<b>Days:</b> The number of days before the start of the term you can enter the U.S. on an initial I-20. Also the number of days before the term that you are allowed to begin working on campus on an initial I-20.
60	<b>Days: Grace Period-</b> The amount of time you have to leave the country, transfer to another college, begin a new degree program, or apply for Optional Practical Training after you finish your degree (or finish your OPT).
90	<b>Days:</b> The number of days before you graduate that you can apply for optional practical training. Also the approximate amount of time it takes USCIS to approve the application.

