

CHANGE TO F1 STATUS CHECK LIST

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- Pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee <https://fmjfee.com/>
 - Work with your attorney to file your change to F1 status and any bridge applications to USCIS. Keep OIPS informed of updates.
 - Submit USCIS I-797 Notice of Receipt of your Change to F1 Status Application by _____
- Remain in the US while application is pending.
 - Submit your I-797 approval notice to oipsregs@gmu.edu within 3 days of receipt.

CHANGE TO F1 STATUS BY TRAVEL

- Pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee <https://fmjfee.com/>
 - Schedule a visa interview at a US Consulate.
- Note: If you already have a change of status application filed with USCIS, you must contact USCIS to withdraw your application.
 - Enter the US no earlier than 30 days from the start date on your I-20.



ALL STUDENTS

Once your change of status to F1 has been approved, to activate your F1 status you must:

- Complete online Immigration Check-in Form at <http://oips.gmu.edu/international-student-check-in-form/>
- Register for Immigration Orientation, even if you attended your academic orientation. Required for new students. Optional for continuing students. <http://oips.gmu.edu/attend-orientation/>
- Complete the Rules, Rules, Rules! Online Orientation on Blackboard <http://oips.gmu.edu/international-student-launchpad/>
- Register full-time or full-time equivalent (FTE) for classes. If you are unsure what full-time or FTE are for your program, you can confirm with the Registrar.
- <http://registrar.gmu.edu/topics/time-status/>
- Review fee payments; you will be charged as an out of state student <http://studentaccounts.gmu.edu/tuition-fees/>

Additional Notes

- **HEALTH INSURANCE:** All students in F1 status are required to have health insurance while enrolled. You will be charged for university health insurance. If you have questions, you may visit shs.gmu.edu.
- **EMPLOYMENT:** You must have prior authorization to work off-campus
- **ONLINE ORIENTATION:** Rules, Rules, Rules! Is required for ALL students. A hold will be placed on your account if you do not complete it. For questions about which orientation to attend and the Rules, Rules, Rules! module, you may contact Sonya Henry at shenry12@gmu.edu