

Fowler Graduate Orientation

August 18, 2023



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Fowler College
of Business

Programs	Intl	Domestic, Non CA	CA Resident	Grand Total
Accounting	1	0	17	18
MSBA-FTP			5	5
MBA	13	16	115	144
Cybersecurity Mgt	3		6	9
Global Business Development	8	1	8	17
Information Systems	23	1	3	27
Grand Total	48	18	154	220



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MBA advisor



Dr. Congcong
Zheng
Graduate Director



Amanda Yousif,
M.Ed.
MSA MSIS Advisor



Ramothaman
Ramesh, MBA
candidate,
student assistant



ALS (Last Name A-M)
Dr. Valerie Li



ALS (N-Z)
Dr. Rebecca Perols



Taxation
Dr. Amanda Marino



Financial Reporting
Dr. Jeff Wang

Not pictured: BMAcc Faculty Advisors



Dr. Kamal Haddad



Dr. David Goldberg



Dr. Morteza Safaei Pour



**Dr. Martina
Musteen**

Faculty Graduate Advisor - MSGBD

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Welcome Remarks

Dean Dan Moshavi
Thomas and Evelyn Page Dean



Juli Moran

San Diego Office Marketplace Leader
Managing Director, Life Sciences

Deloitte.

A word cloud featuring several business-related terms. The words are arranged in a cluster, with some oriented horizontally and others vertically. The colors range from bright yellow to dark green. The words include:

- Business** (yellow, top center)
- Chemistry** (yellow, top center)
- Agility** (teal, center)
- Professionalism** (light green, center)
- Networking** (yellow, bottom center)
- Consulting** (teal, bottom left)
- Advisory** (light green, bottom left)
- Wardrobe** (teal, bottom left)
- Business Reputation** (teal, bottom right)
- Capabilities** (yellow, bottom right)
- Learning** (yellow, top right)
- Strategy** (light green, center right)
- Career** (light green, left side)

The Career Management Center Team



Tina Tan, M.A.
Director



Michelle Svay, M.A.
Career Development
Specialist



Greg Tanneberger, J.D.
Professional Development
and External Relations



Daniel Nieto, M.S.
Career Development
Specialist

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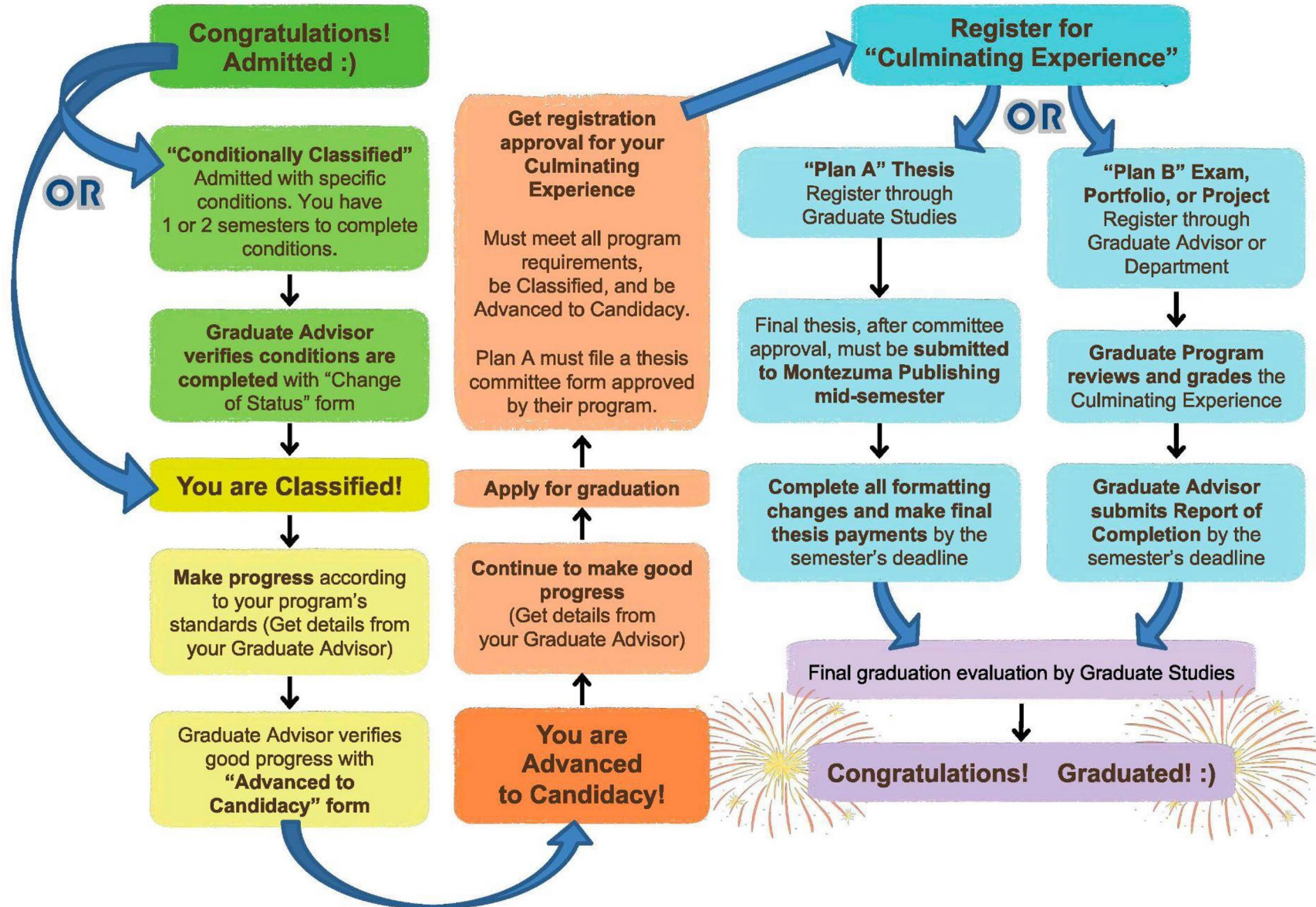
Fowler College of Business
**Career
Management
Center**

Fowler Graduate students must

- Act with integrity, competence, diligence, respect and in an ethical manner with ***faculty, staff, students, employers, and colleagues***
- Place utmost importance in ***academic integrity and honesty*** and respect others' intellectual property and individual work
- ***Respect instructional and scholarly activities*** and avoid conducts that distracts or intimidates others in an instructional setting and other normal university activities
- Adhere to the ***Student Conduct Code*** as outlined in CSU Executive Order 1098 (a section is reproduced in the [Catalog](#))

- Courteous, respectful and clear in oral and written communications
- Respond timely to your emails
- Separate the problem from the emotions

THE LIFE CYCLE OF A MASTER'S STUDENT





Classified Standing

- Have met all university and department requirements upon admission

Conditional Standing

- Students admitted conditionally have not met **all** university or department requirements for admission – this is often due to deficient GPA or students having three-year undergraduate degrees
- “Earn term GPA of 3.0 for 6 units”



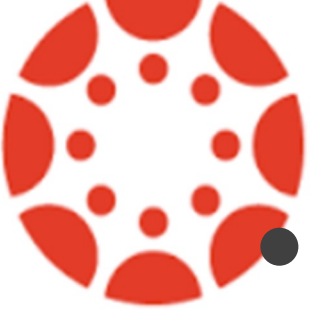
During the semester your condition is due:

Communication from Graduate Studies
and/or the Registrar

- Reminder of your conditional status
- Requests you complete Change of Status form
- Warns of FUTURE registration holds

Tempting to initiate the Change of Status
form right away

- Have to wait for grades to post
- Graduate Staff Advisors submit the form!



<https://sdsu.instructure.com/>

- Access course syllabi, professor's contact information, class assignments, course readings
- Include your ID Number in all communications with us
- Communications from Graduate Business Programs and Career Management Center



<https://it.sdsu.edu>

Website: <https://registrar.sdsu.edu/calendars>

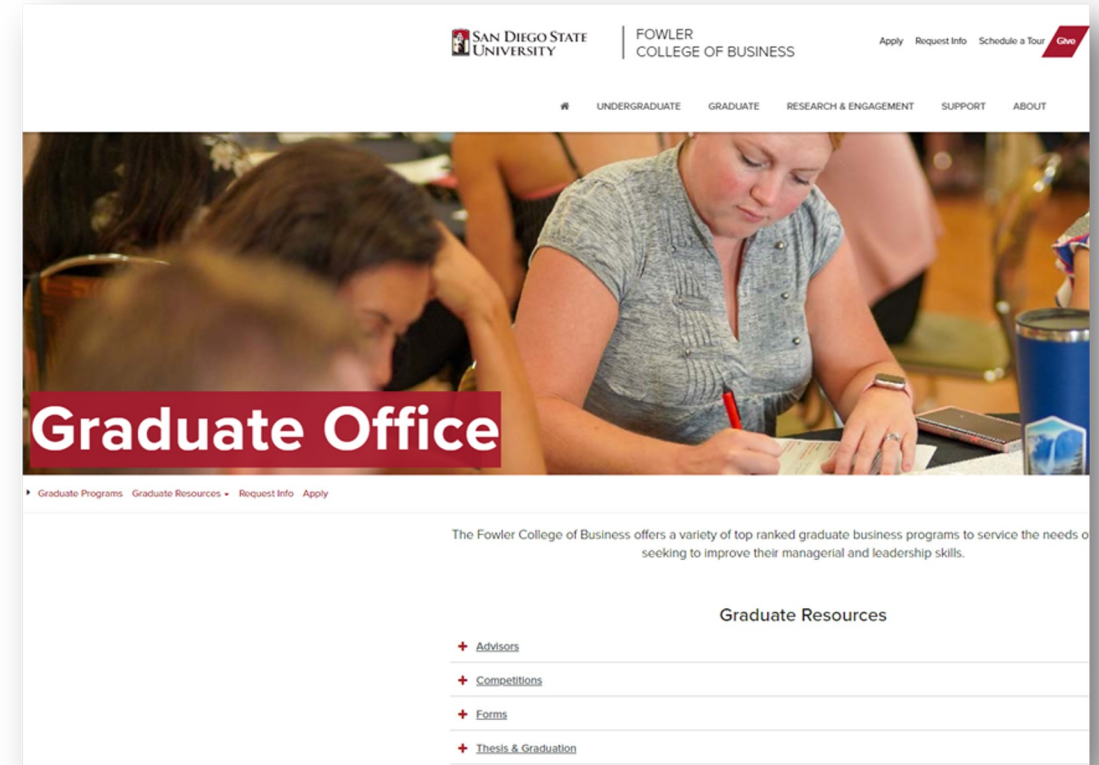
Important Dates:

- August 20—Last day to withdraw for fall semester and receive a full refund (less administrative fee if applicable). Last day to pay tuition and fees without penalty
- August 21—First day of classes
- August 27—Last day of wait list auto-enrollment. After this date, enrollment in open seats is not automatic or guaranteed.
- September 1—Schedule adjustment deadline. Last day to add, drop, or change grading basis (7:59 p.m. deadline).

<https://business.sdsu.edu/graduate/grad-advising>

Important Resources

- Our contact information
- More info on student standing
- How to follow your Degree Evaluation
- Fee Waiver forms
- CPT info
- Culminating Experience info
- Links to other resources and forms



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

HIGH

IMPACT PROGRAMS

Graduate Business Student Association



Business & Technology Club



The Lavin Entrepreneur Program



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Get Involved

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619-594-8073

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Learn about Academic, Social, and Professional Opportunities on our Social Channels!



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@sdsufowler



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Follow us on Twitter
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International Student Center

**Welcome New
Fowler Graduate
F-1 International Students!**

ISC Staff



Noah Hansen
Senior Director



Ricky Paniagua
Assistant Director



Lisa Lyons
Sr. Int'l Student
Advisor



Laura Ribitzky
Int'l Student Advisor



Isabel Martorell
Int'l Student Advisor



Clarissa Fontanilla-Fajardo
Int'l Student Services Advisor



Alison Peppers
Intake Coordinator



Vanessa Fennell
Sponsored Student Coord.



Alana Ritchison
Int'l Student Transition Coord.



Barry Fass-Holmes
SEVIS Coordinator



Michael Moak
Int'l Student Retention Coord.

Office Hours

- **In-person office hours:** Monday to Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm
- **Virtual Office Hours** (Live Chat):
Monday - Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm // 1:00pm-4:00pm *Except Holidays*

**When contacting the ISC:
Always provide your RedID**

Open Advising Hours

- 3 days per week
- Virtual and in-person options
- 10-minute consultation / no appointment
- First-come, first-served
- Visit [ISC Calendar](#) for Open Advising Schedule

Online Document Requests

- I-20 Program Extensions, Work Authorization, Travel signatures, etc.
- Submit via [online request forms](#)

Appointment Scheduling, Workshops, Cultural and Social hours, and more....

- Visit sdsu.edu/isc for further details of all services offered to international students

Maintaining Your F-1 Status



F-1 Online Orientation - MANDATORY

- **Deadline: September 1st**
- Enter using your Name, RedID & SDSU email
 - NOT as “Guest”
- Let's review a few important rules from this orientation

SDSU International Affairs
International Student Center

MANDATORY F1 IMMIGRATION MODULE

All new and continuing international students must complete this reporting module by September 1, 2023. You will need to enter your credentials here so we have a record of completion.

First Name

Last Name

Student ID (REQUIRED)

SDSU Email Address

Personal Email Address

What country are you currently located in?

Most Recent/Current U.S. Phone Number

Most Recent/Current U.S. Street Address

Most Recent/Current U.S. Apartment Number

Most Recent/Current U.S. City

Most Recent/Current U.S. State

Most Recent/Current U.S. Zip Code

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full-time

Required: Full-Time Enrollment

- > or = **9 units**/semester
 - Maximum one online class per semester (usually 3 units)
 - Hybrid classes = in-person for immigration purposes.
- **Before withdrawing** from classes in middle of semester, talk with an ISC Advisor – **can affect F-1 status**
- Enrollment not required during the summer and winter breaks



Reduced Course Load

An RCL (*less than full-time*) allowed for certain reasons via online request



- Some require meeting w/ISC Advisor to determine eligibility
- Submit request by Schedule Adjustment (add/drop) Deadline
- ISC must **PRE-APPROVE** to avoid immigration violation
- More info on ISC's Reduced Course Load webpage



Employment

On-Campus Employment:

- Available to all F-1 students now!
- Part-time (max. 20 hrs/wk) when school in session
- Full-time (>20 hrs/wk) allowed during official school breaks

Off-Campus Employment/Internship:

- Eligible after 2 semesters in F-1 status here (unless SEVIS transfer)
- Must receive permission from the ISC or U.S. Immigration
 - Applies to paid **and unpaid** positions
- Must be directly related to your major (degree program)
- Part-Time & Full-Time ok



Employment

Friday, September 15th, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, ISC Lounge



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER

✦ **F-1 EMPLOYMENT** ✦
AUTHORIZATION
INFORMATION SESSION

Friday, 15 Sept
10 - 11 AM

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER

Health Insurance



- Required for all SDSU international students
- Fall 2023: **Complete the health insurance requirement today!**
 - Buy the pre-approved Fall 2023 or 2023-2024 at www.jcbins.com
 - Very few alternate health insurance policies are accepted (listed on ISC Forms webpage)
- Holds added to your my.SDSU account if you do not buy coverage



Immigration Document Check



Immigration Documents: Passport

- Must be valid at all times (not expired)
- Check expiration date regularly
- If need to renew, contact your consulate or embassy in the U.S. or your home country's government > 6 months before it expires



Immigration Documents:

F-1 Visa



- A valid visa is required to enter the U.S.
- After you have entered the U.S., you are allowed to stay even if visa expires, **IF** you're maintaining F-1 status **AND** your I-20 is valid
- International travel: F-1 visa must be valid on day of re-entry to the U.S.
- F-1 visas can only be renewed at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate outside the U.S.
- Your F-1 visa is not your I-20



Immigration Documents: I-20

- Form I-20 gives you legal F-1 immigration status in the U.S. if you follow all rules to maintain your status
- Program End Date: don't let this expire!
- Travel signature on page 2 is valid for 1 year
- If information changes (your name, major, program end date) or you need a new travel signature:
 - Request an updated I-20 via ISC website
 - Processing time = 7 business days

TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT

This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for re-entry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each endorsement is valid for one year.

Designated School Official	TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
Name of Advisor	International Student Advisor	X Advisor's signature	06/06/1998	
		X		
		X		

SAMPLE



Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
OMB NO. 1623-0038

SEVIS ID: N00XXXXXXXXXX

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Tsoung	GIVENNAME Tsoung	CLASS F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME Tsoung Tsoung	PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	
DATE OF BIRTH	ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM HAVE READY CONTINUING ATTENDANCE	LEGACY NAME Tsoung Tsoung	

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME University of Southern California University of Southern California	SCHOOL ADDRESS Office of International Students, 260 Student Union, Los Angeles, CA 90089
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Krisel Santos Immigration Advisor	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE 200804F012345678 20 JUNE 2010

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL Master's	MAJOR 1 Engineering and Architecture M. Arch	MAJOR 2 None
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 24 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY None	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient
PROGRAM START DATE 15 AUGUST 2010	PROGRAM END DATE 15 MAY 2012	

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 27,500	Tuition and Fees	\$ 0
Living Expenses	\$ 12,500	Living Expenses	\$ 0
Expenses of Dependents (if any)	\$ 0	Expenses of Dependents (if any)	\$ 0
Other	\$ 0	Other	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 40,000	TOTAL	\$ 0

REMARKS

SCHOOL ATTESTATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation of the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of country of origin, and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5). I am a

Immigration Documents: I-94

Take out your I-94 & check the following:

Most Recent Date of Entry:

- Date you entered the U.S. (did customs processing)

Class of Admission:

- Should say “F1”

Admit Until Date:

- Should say “D/S” (Duration of Status)

Check your I-94 each time you travel internationally and re-enter!

If any of these items is incorrect, please email
iscreception@sdsu.edu immediately for support.



Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number: [REDACTED]

Most Recent Date of Entry: 2016 August 10

Class of Admission: F1

Admit Until Date: D/S

Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Last/Surname: [REDACTED]

First (Given) Name: [REDACTED]

Birth Date: [REDACTED]

Passport Number: [REDACTED]

Country of Issuance: [REDACTED]

Update Contact Info in my.SDSU

- Mailing address is your US address in San Diego
- Phone number is required (10 digits)
 - If don't yet have a phone number, enter the ISC # (619) 594-1982
(update once you get your own number)
- NEVER delete addresses/phone number in my.SDSU, only replace

SEVIS requires notification of address change within 10 days of moving



Email Address Account

SDSU Policy:

**All university communications
must be sent via SDSU email**



- Activate your SDSU email account
- Check your SDSU email daily
- Read important info and updates



For I.T. support:
Computing Hub Help Desk
Love Library, 2nd Floor
(619) 594-3189
hub@sdsu.edu



Marijuana: NOT legal for International Students (illegal)



- F-1 Students must follow federal laws (higher than state laws)
- California state law decriminalized marijuana, but federal law criminalizes marijuana (in all forms)
- Illegal for you anywhere in the US

Consequences of using, having, distributing, working with, being around it:

- Arrest
- Deportation
- Not allowed to re-enter the US
- Not eligible to change to another visa status, green card, or citizenship

Alcohol Legal Drinking Age: 21-years-old



Beware of Scammers



If you receive a call or email like this:

- **Don't** panic
- Hang up the phone / ignore the email
- **Don't** pay with cash, wire transfer, or gift card
- **Don't** give out personal information
- Report call or email to the ISC & SDSU Police

Criminals target International Students by:

- Calling or emailing
- Pretending to be from the US gov't (FBI, DHS, SSA, IRS)
- Demanding money by threatening arrest

This is a scam



Maintaining Your Status Reminders

As an F-1 Student, you must:

- Maintain full-time enrollment
- Keep your I-20 valid
- Keep your local address & phone updated
- Follow rules for international travel
- Maintain health insurance
- Don't work off-campus w/out ISC/US gov't authorization
- Meet w/ISC advisor if you wish to leave your program early or take a leave of absence

If you do not follow these regulations, you risk losing your F-1 status and may need to leave the U.S.!

