

General Information

All F-1 international students are required to maintain F-1 status while in the U.S. To maintain F-1 status, you must enroll in full-time study during the fall and spring semesters. If you are unable to enroll, your SEVIS I-20 must be terminated. This form has been provided to you as a reminder of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security pertaining to the termination of your SEVIS I-20. Once your SEVIS I-20 is terminated, you will lose your F-1 Status. Your International Student Advisor at Liberty is required to take certain actions as a result. Please read carefully this list of consequences before signing this form.

Reasons for I-20 Termination (Please check all that apply and explain where applicable)

- Choosing to remain in the U.S. and apply for Change or Reinstatement of status. (Note: You must apply for Reinstatement within 5 months of termination and there is no guarantee the application will be approved.) New Status You Will Apply for: _____

- Completing degree online. You may be able to continue your studies outside of the U.S. by switching to an online student. You will need to contact the LU Online Admissions Office at 800-424-9595 or luadmissions@liberty.edu to discuss this possibility.

- Do not want to attend a Christian School
- Family problems back home: _____
- Financial reasons: _____
- Academic difficulties: Please circle one: GPA Difficulty in English Other: _____
- Cultural difficulties: _____
- Not connecting with friends/room-mates
- Health Related Reasons: _____
- Other (Please explain): _____

Date of Termination: _____

Consequences of I-20 Termination

1. **Form I-20:** Your SEVIS I-20 is scheduled to be terminated on the date indicated above and will no longer be valid. You should keep all your I-20's and this form for your records. Once terminated, you will have 15 days to depart the U.S. **Should you choose to remain, you will be unlawfully present in the U.S.**
2. **Travel:** You will no longer be able to use your I-20 to enter the U.S. After departure, you will need to obtain a new I-20 and possibly a new F-1 visa to re-enter the U.S.
3. **Employment:** You will lose all privileges to work in the U.S. Following termination, any type employment in any capacity is considered to be unauthorized.
4. **Dependents:** Your dependents (spouse, children) will lose F-2 status.
5. **Student Health Insurance:** You will no longer be required to have student health insurance and you will lose the privilege of being insured through the Liberty University international student health insurance program. If you are terminated after the semester has begun and you have already paid for the insurance, you will retain health insurance for that semester only.
6. **Practical Training:** If you plan to return to the U.S. on a new SEVIS I-20 to complete your program, you will not be eligible to apply for CPT or OPT authorization until you have returned and been enrolled as a full-time student for two full-time semesters. Note: this does not apply for Reinstatement.

Reentry - Returning to the U.S.

1. **Depart the U.S.:** You must leave the U.S. within 15 days of the termination.
2. **Reapply to LU:** You must contact the International Admissions Office to regain admission to Liberty University. Please note: Your admission will be under the most recent Degree Completion Plan and your scholarships may change.
3. **New I-20:** Once readmitted, Liberty University will issue you a new initial I-20. You will need to pay the \$200 SEVIS Fee again and will have a new SEVIS record.
4. **New Visa:** You will need to apply for a new F-1 student visa from the U.S. Embassy in your home country if your current F-1 visa has expired. Check the website of the U.S. Embassy in your home country for more details. (Does not apply to students from Canada)
5. **Reenter the U.S.:** You will need to cross back into the U.S. and receive new I-94 stamp showing F-1 status. You will need to submit copies to your International Student Advisor.

Leave of Absence

1. **Depart the U.S.:** You must leave the U.S. within 15 days of the termination.
2. **Reapply to LU:** You must contact the International Admissions Office to regain admission to Liberty University. This often takes several weeks. Please note: Your admission will be under the most recent Degree Completion Plan and your scholarships may change.
3. **Enroll:** you must register for a full course of study and complete Financial Check-in.
4. **Contact your International Student Advisor:** Your FSA will request to the U.S. Government that your SEVIS record be changed back to an Active status. This can take up to 45 days, so you must contact your FSA as soon as you have completed the previous steps.
5. **Travel to U.S.:** You must reenter the U.S. within 5 months of your departure.
6. **Documents:** You must meet with your FSA and bring your new I-94 and I-20 immediately upon arrival.

Reinstatement – Remaining in the U.S.

If you choose to remain in the U.S., you **may** be eligible for reinstatement to F-1 status. You will be Out-of-Status and illegally present in the U.S. until US CIS has received your application for reinstatement.

1. **5 Month Window:** You must apply for reinstatement within five months of your date of termination.
2. **Reapply to LU:** You must contact the International Admissions Office to be readmitted to Liberty University. This often takes several weeks. Please note: You will be admitted under the most recent Degree Completion Plan and your scholarships may change.
3. **Apply for Reinstatement:** You must work with your International Student Advisor to complete the Reinstatement application. The application fee is \$290. It often takes 1-2 weeks to prepare all the required documents, so do not wait until the end of the 5 month window.
4. **Deadline:** US CIS must receive your application before the 5 month deadline. If you miss the 5 month deadline for reinstatement, reentry is your **ONLY** option to return to a valid F-1 status.

Responsibilities of Liberty University

Liberty University is required by law to notify both the U.S. and Virginia state government when a student's I-20 has been terminated. Liberty may refuse admission or re-enrollment to students who have violated federal or state regulations.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES. I REALIZE THE BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING AND ABIDING BY ALL REGULATIONS IS MINE.

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____