



RESPONSIBILITIES OF J-1 VISITING STUDENTS

Students in J-1 status are responsible for learning, understanding, and complying with U.S. federal laws and regulations governing the J visa. Failure to do so will violate the student's legal status in the U.S. Your responsibilities include but may not be limited to the following:

Report Address Changes to the Office of International Programs (OIP)

U.S. federal regulations require all J-1 students to report a change of address within 10 days of the address change to an international student advisor in ISSS. The U.S. federal government requires students to report directly to OIP. OIP is required to provide this and other student data to the federal government electronically. No other university office is authorized by the federal government to process this data.

Maintain Full-Time Course Enrollment

J-1 students must be a full-time registered student each term at UNCW. Typically, full-time registration is 12 credits and 9 credits must be face-to-face.

Keep DS-2019 Document valid

J-1 students must keep the DS-2019 valid and active for the full length of their program. Extensions must be requested 30 days prior to their end date.

Obtain Travel Signature Prior to Departing the U.S.

J-1 students should obtain their international advisor's signature on their DS-2019 form prior to traveling outside the U.S. This signature is valid for one year or until the expiration date of the DS-2019 form, whichever is earlier.

Abide by Employment Regulations

J-1 exchange students may be employed on-campus for up to 20 hours per week. If J-1 exchange students wish to work off-campus, they must contact the Office of International Students & Scholars to learn about what they must do at international@uncw.edu.

Maintain Adequate Health Insurance

J-1 exchange students must maintain adequate health insurance for themselves throughout their stay in the U.S. These must meet [U.S. Department of State Requirements](#).

Report Early Departure Date and Reason to OIP

Periodically, J-1 students leave the university early or unexpectedly due to a variety of reasons. U.S. federal regulations require J-1 exchange students to inform their advisor in the Office of International Programs if they plan to leave the university before the expiration date of their DS-2019 form as well as the reason for doing so.

Depart the U.S. within 30 Day Grace Period

J-1 exchange students must depart the U.S. within 30 days of DS-2019 expiration date or program end date, whichever is earlier, unless they have extended their program dates.

Responsible Officer

Your responsible immigration officer and international student advisor is Amy Stello Lekeu. You can contact her at Lekeua@uncw.edu with any immigration and academic related questions.