



B-1, B-2, F-2 VISA HOLDERS or OTHER NONIMMIGRANT VISA HOLDERS

It is essential that you understand and sign this form if you hold a nonimmigrant visa and you are applying for admission or have been admitted to Seton Hall University. Recently there have been changes in the US federal immigration regulations restricting university enrollment for certain visa holders.

B-1 (visitor for business) or B-2 (visitor for pleasure) visa holders effective April 12, 2002 may not enroll in the course of study until you apply for a change of status to F-1 and it is approved by BCIS or until you leave the US, apply for an F-1 visa and reenter in F-1 status. The USCIS has defined course of study as a focused program of classes, such as full-time course load leading to a degree. Casual, short-term classes that are not the primary purpose of the alien's presence in the US, such as a single English language or crafts class, would not constitute a course of study. Please bring your passport and other immigration related documents with you to the International Office. Any visa holder wishing to change to an F-1 visa will be able to pick up handouts and speak with an advisor on how to file a change of status application with USCIS. If an I-20 is required for you to change your immigration status, it will be issued to you through the International Office. F-1 holders will be attending a mandatory orientation program and will have the hold released after attending that program.

F-2 (spouse) visa holders effective January 1, 2003 may not engage in full time study and the F-2 child may only engage in full time study if the study is in elementary or secondary school (kindergarten through twelfth grade). The F-2 spouse and child may engage in study that is a vocational or recreational in nature. An F-2 spouse or F-2 child desiring to engage in full time study (other than elementary or secondary school for the F-2 child) must apply for and obtain approval from BCIS for a change of status to F-1. An F-2 spouse or child who was enrolled on a full time basis prior to January 1, 2003 will be allowed to continue study but must file for a change of nonimmigrant classification to F-1, J-1 or M-1 status on or before March 11, 2003.

B-1, B-2, F-2 visa holders who engage in full time study violate their nonimmigrant visa status. Loss of status can result in being denied entry to the US, denial of future application with USCIS, or deportation.

I have read this form and have been given the opportunity to ask questions about it. I understand that if I violate the described regulations, my visa status may be in jeopardy.

Signature (sign and print name)

Date

Return form to Office of International Programs, Fahy Hall Rm. 128.