

International Student and Scholar Services ♦ Florida International University

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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THIS FORM IS FOR ISSS USE ONLY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A FORMAL NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OR ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT. STUDENT SHOULD NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE(S) SEPARATELY OF HIS/HER PLANS NOT TO ENROLL FOR THE TERM IN QUESTION.

Last Name

First Name

Panther ID

1. I have been advised by an ISSS advisor on F-1 immigration regulations and ISSS policies related to taking an authorized leave of absence in either the fall or spring term and have provided a copy of my ticket. I understand that:
 - Along with this form, I must submit a copy of my airline itinerary noting US departure and US return dates.
 - Permitted 15 days grace period from date of termination.
 - I must remain *outside* the U.S. for the duration of the term; I must not return more than 30 days prior to the start of the following term when I plan to resume my studies.
 - ISSS will terminate my SEVIS record for Authorized Early Withdrawal. I will need to contact ISSS and confirm my return to the US and provide ISSS with a copy of my return ticket to the U.S. no less than 30 DAYS before my expected return date. Due to unpredictable SEVIS processing times, I may have to request a new I-20, and pay the SEVIS I-901 fee in order to return to the U.S. and resume my studies.
 - If I anticipate an absence of more than one semester, I must contact my academic department as this may affect my academic standing at the university.

2. I have been advised that *upon my return to FIU, I must enroll full-time*, even if I return to resume my studies in the summer semester (which in other circumstances would be an optional term). If I return in SUMMER, I must enroll in at least 12 credits as an undergraduate student or 6 credits as a graduate student (*no more than 3 of these credits may be online*). Failure to do so will result in the termination of my SEVIS record and will put me *out of status*.

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I attest that I accept all responsibility inherent in the conditions and details as stated above.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

Date