

***** COVID 19 FALL 2020*****

*****AUTHORIZED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM*****

THIS FORM IS FOR ISSS USE AND APPLIES ONLY TO YOUR F-1 IMMIGRATION STATUS.

Please complete it and return it to iss@fiu.edu.

Last Name

First Name

Panther ID

1. I confirm that I am a continuing student who is remaining in my home country for the fall 2020 semester due to the COVID 19 crisis. I departed the U.S on ____/____/____ initials: _____
day month year

- Upon receipt of this request, ISSS will terminate my SEVIS record for an Authorized Absence.
- This termination means that I will remain outside the U.S. for the fall 2020 semester.
- I may enroll in online classes while in my home country for the fall semester
- I must contact ISSS and confirm my return to the U.S. for the spring 2021 semester and provide ISSS with a copy of my return ticket to the U.S. no less than 30 DAYS before my expected return date. USCIS may or may not reset my SEVIS record back to active. If not approved, I will 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. This is called a Restart of status and entails the following conditions:
 - I must not return to the United States more than 30 days prior to the start of the following term when I plan to resume my studies.
 - I may possibly forfeit my immediate eligibility to apply for optional practical training should my SEVIS record not be re-activated by USCIS.
 - If I must renew my visa, I must request and receive my new I-20 prior to any visa appointment.
- I understand that upon my return to FIU, I must enroll full-time, including returning for the summer semester. (Summer enrollment: 12 credits as an undergraduate student or 6 credits as a graduate student)
- COVID 19 continues to be a rapidly changing crisis. The conditions set forth herein may change as USCIS re-assesses the crisis and issues new policy and guidance, which may result in unforeseen consequences that are beyond the administrative scope of ISSS.
- **Please enclose a copy of your outgoing flight information (when you left the United States).**

I fully understand and accept the conditions and details stated above and the responsibility inherent in.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

Date

