F-1 Student Request for Status Maintenance
During Study/Co-Op Work outside the U.S.
International Student & Scholar Services

An F-1 student may choose to do a study abroad program or Co-Op abroad for a maximum of one semester; according to the Code of Federal Regulations, F-1 students are authorized to be absent from the U.S. for less than five months without losing their F-1 status:

8 C.F.R. § 214.2(f)(4)(i)
“(4) Temporary absence. An F-1 student returning to the United States from a temporary absence of five months or less may be readmitted for attendance at a Service-approved educational institution, if the student presents:
(i) A current SEVIS Form I-20 (or, for readmission prior to August 1, 2003, a current Form I-20ID which was issued prior to January 30, 2003), properly endorsed by the DSO for reentry if there has been no substantive change to the most recent Form I-20 information”

REQUIREMENTS FOR CO-OP/STUDY ABROAD

1. Be in F-1 status for at least one academic term (one fall or one spring semester) before going abroad for Co-Op/study
2. During the Co-Op/study, you must be registered full-time. Co-Op counts as a full-time equivalency at Stevens, so you will be considered full-time if you are in the Cooperative Education Program.
3. To maintain your F-1 status, ISSS will register you in SEVIS for the semester you are outside the U.S., but you must return to the U.S. in less than five months to keep your F-1 status active.

F-1 CO-OP/STUDY ABROAD REQUEST

I, the undersigned student, understand the restrictions regarding a temporary absence in F-1 status for Co-Op or study abroad. I understand that if I fail to maintain a full-time course load during my absence or fail to return to the U.S. in five months or less, my F-1 status will be terminated for “Absent from Country for More Than Five Months.”

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Semester of Study/Co-Op Abroad

- □ Fall
- □ Spring

Year ______

Name of Co-Op/Study Abroad Office Staff Member

Signature of Co-Op/Study Abroad Office Staff Member

ISSS

Staff Member's Name & Title

Signature

Notes