



## **10/08/2025 - Student and Exchange Visitor Program Broadcast Message**

### **Reminders to F and J Nonimmigrants**

#### **General Information**

This message serves as a reminder from the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to students to avoid activities that could be interpreted as endangering public safety, which might jeopardize their nonimmigrant student status. Please carefully read and review the following information to ensure F-1 and J-1 visa holders remain compliant with all laws and requirements.

Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) standards of behavior: Under the immigration laws of the United States, nonimmigrant foreign nationals or "aliens" are expected to meet certain standards of behavior set forth in the INA. Failure to meet those standards may render them ineligible for visas, inadmissible to the United States or subject to removal.

#### **Admissibility/Removability Considerations:**

- Any alien seeking admission to the United States on an F or J visa intending to engage in any unlawful activity in the United States is ineligible to receive a visa and is inadmissible to the United States (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(A)(ii)).
- An alien who engages in any criminal activity following admission to the United States that endangers public safety or national security is removable (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(4)(A)(ii)).
- Any alien seeking admission to the United States on an F or J visa intending to engage in any activity a purpose of which is the opposition to, or the control or overthrow of, the Government of the United States by force, violence, or other unlawful means, is inadmissible to the United States (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(A)(iii)).
- An alien who has engaged in such activity at any time following admission to the United States is removable (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(4)(A)(iii)). International students should not participate in activities that advocate the use of force, violence, or other unlawful means in opposition to the Government of the United States.
- Any alien seeking admission to the United States on an F or J visa intending to violate any law of the United States relating to espionage or sabotage, or to violate or evade any law prohibiting the export from the United States of goods, technology, or sensitive information, is inadmissible to the United States (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(A)(i)).
- An alien who has engaged in such activity at any time following admission to the United States is removable (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(4)(A)(i)).

**Reporting requirements for disciplinary action:** A school is required to update the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System within 21 days of any disciplinary action taken by the school against the student as a result of the student being convicted of a crime (8 C.F.R. 214.3(g)(2)(ii)(D)).

For questions about this message, please contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) via phone at 703-603-3400 or 1-800-892-4829 or via email at [SEVP@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVP@ice.dhs.gov). The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except for federal holidays.

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