

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE
M-1 STATUS STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. I understand that I must attend only the school that has issued an I-20 to me. If I want to transfer to a new school, I must do so within six months of being granted M1 status. I must first notify my current school. They will release me to the new school, then I can get a new I-20 from that school. I must then send the new I-20 together with Form I-539 to the California Service Center requesting transfer. The foreign student advisor at my new school will assist me.
2. I understand that I am not permitted to work nor engage in business while I am in the United States unless I have "Optional Practical Training" (OPT) permission and an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (US-CIS). I understand that I may not volunteer in a position that is usually a paid position. I may apply for OPT up to 90 days before I complete my program. I must apply before I graduate. I know that I must apply through the International Student Office (ISO).
3. I understand that in order to remain in the United States legally, I must maintain my status. This means that I must have a valid passport, I must complete at least 12 units each semester, and I must not transfer to another school in the United States unless I first get a new I-20 from that school. I understand that if I think I cannot complete 12 units in a semester, I must talk to my counselor or foreign student advisor BEFORE I drop a class, and BEFORE the end of the semester. I may be able to get permission to complete fewer than 12 units if I follow these procedures. I understand that I can get permission for a low course load only once. If I drop below 12 units without permission, the International Student Office is required to report this to the US-CIS.
4. I understand that I can only take an on-line or distance education (t.v.) course if at least one of the course requirements obliges me to be physically present at LBCC for some portion of the class.
5. I understand that if I want to visit another country, I must obtain the signature of a Designated School Official (DSO) before I travel. I can find a DSO in the International Student Office. I need to request the signature at least one week before I travel.
6. I understand that as an M-1 student, I may remain in the U.S. only for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study at a specified school. Once I complete my course of study, I must leave the U.S. within 30 days. If I do not complete my course of study, I do not have a 30 day grace period, and I must leave the U.S. immediately.
7. I understand that if I fall out of status for any reason, I must go through the reinstatement process, which includes a visit to the US-CIS and currently costs \$200. In order to be considered, I must apply for reinstatement within 5 months of violating status. The US-CIS may only reinstate me if the reason for my status violation was beyond my control.
8. I understand that if I change my address, I must notify BOTH the Admissions Office and the International Student Office within 10 days. I must report a street address to the US-CIS. I cannot use a P.O. Box or the school's address.
9. I understand that I must purchase health insurance from the International Student Office for the duration of my enrollment at Long Beach City College.

I have read, and I understand my responsibilities as a nonimmigrant M-1 student. I understand that if I fail to maintain my status or to comply with these regulations, I will lose my M-1 privileges, and could be deported from the U.S. I further authorize Long Beach City College to release to any federal or state agency of the United States, any information requested bearing on my status as a nonimmigrant student and my places of residence in the United States.

Student Signature

Today's Date

Print your name on this line