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MANTAINING LAWFUL F-1 STATUS

- ___ 1. I agree to maintain full-time status (undergraduate 12+ credits; and graduates 9+ credits), and that grades of D, F, Incomplete and Withdrawal are not considered part of a natural degree progression, and will not count towards the required credits.
- ___ 2. I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain legal status with the USCIS, and not the responsibility of the Multicultural and International Students Office or Hofstra university.
- ___ 3. I understand that Hofstra University requires that I pay for the mandated health and accident insurance each semester.
- ___ 4. It is my responsibility to keep my local address current with the U.S. Portal Service, the Multicultural and International Students Office, and the USCIS.
- ___ 5. I have reviewed my I-20 form, and the information is true and correct.
- ___ 6. I understand that it is my responsibility to keep my passport valid.
- ___ 7. I agree to arrange to have the full tuition amount paid by the due date each semester. I understand that if I fail to do this, I will be responsible to pay a late registration fee.
- ___ 8. I agree to accept no employment of any kind off campus without written permission from my sponsor and, if necessary, the USCIS. Beginning to work without proper authorization is considered a serious violation of its regulations. If you will refer to your I-20 or I-94 you will see the statement: "Warning a non-immigrant who accepts unauthorized employment is subject to deportation." It is most important, therefore, that you consult with the Multicultural and International Students Office before you accept an offer of employment or begin to work. We will advise you whether it is possible for you to work and will assist you in filing the appropriate documents. Please bear in mind that it is illegal to begin work in anticipation of being granted to do so; you must have permission first.
- ___ 9. I agree to obtain extensions, as needed, of permission to stay in the United States, F-1, visa holders are granted permission to stay for a period of time reasonably required to pursue a full course study in any educational program or series of educational programs, plus 60 days in which to depart from the United States or apply for a change of status. This is known as admission for duration of status or D/S. If you change programs of study or level of study you must notify USCIS through the Multicultural and International Student Programs Office. If you will not complete your current program by the expected completion date listed on you initial I-20 (item #5), you must notify the USCIS through the Multicultural and International Students Programs Office (known as Program Extension). You must apply for a Program Extension within the 30 day period prior to the completion date listed on you initial I-20. Complete instructions are available at the Multicultural and International Students Programs Office. Failure to apply for a timely Program Extension will result in your falling F-1 student status which could have serious repercussions on your ability to continue your studies at Hofstra or any other university in the United States.
- ___ 10. I have received the immunizations required by New York State; measles (twice) mumps and rubella. I understand meeting this requirement and responsibility and agree to contact the Hofstra University Health and Wellness Center at (516) 463-6745 to follow up with any additional information. If you need to be immunized, you may make an appointment at the Health and Wellness Center to receive the immunization. Failure to comply with the immunization requirement may jeopardize your registration status, which can jeopardize your immigration status.
- ___ 11. SEVIS – An internet based system that maintains accurate and current information of non-immigrant students (F and M visa), exchange students (J visa) and their dependents. SEVIS will be used to transmit electronic information on non-immigrant and event notifications via internet, to the USCIS and the Department of State (DOS) throughout a student or exchange visitor's stay in the United States.
- ___ 12. I understand that as an F-1 student I may accept authorized on-campus employment at Hofstra University and can only work a maximum of 20 hours per week during the academic year.
- ___ 13. In the event that I have a Judicial or ARC charge brought against me, it will be reported to the USCIS in SEVIS.
- ___ 14. Each time I travel out of the US I have to check the back page of my I-20 to ensure that I have an authorized signature by the Multicultural and International Students Programs Office Adviser certifying I am allowed to re-enter the US.
- ___ 15. If a senior thesis is required for my graduation, it must be completed in my last year of attendance, and I may not maintain matriculation to extend the thesis course.

Signature

Date

Multicultural and International Students Programs Office Representative

Date