

# F-1 VISA STATUS: STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

**You are responsible for maintaining your F-1 visa status by adhering to these regulations. Failure to abide by the F-1 visa regulations, you may lose your legal visa status and be required to depart the U.S. Read the F-1 visa regulations and college requirements below. Contact your SBCC Advisor if you have any questions.**

**ARRIVAL:** When arriving to the United States you must:

- Enter the United States no more than 30 days before your program of study begins.
- Check in at the SBCC International Office by the program start date listed on your I-20.

**DOCUMENTS:** While studying in the United States you must:

- Maintain a valid passport and I-20 (do not let these expire; request an extension before they expire)
- Present a valid F-1 visa each time you enter the United States to study. It's okay if it expires while you are in the U.S.; renew next time you are out of the U.S.
- Complete your I-20 transfer within 15 days of the start of the semester if transferring from another U.S. school.
- Update Pipeline within 10 days of changing your address, phone number, or email address.

**EDUCATION:** While studying in the United States, you must:

- Attend your classes and maintain a 2.00 GPA. If a class is too difficult, speak with your Advisor immediately.
- Take a full course of study each term (12 units); if you cannot study full-time, contact your Advisor.
  - Academic Program: You can take one online class (3 units max) as part of your 12 units. Extra units above 12 can also be taken online.
  - ESL Program: You may not take online classes as part of your 12 units. Units above 12 can be taken online.
- Obtain permission from an Advisor if you want to take a class at another school while attending SBCC.

**TALK WITH YOUR ADVISOR FIRST:** Your Advisor should be the first person you contact if you have questions about the legal requirements of your stay in the United States. Contact your Advisor if you are planning to do any of the following:

Change your major, program, or education level	Take a break from school or end your studies at SBCC
Request permission for employment or internship	Request a program extension
Decide to drop a class below 12 units	Take a class at another school
Transfer to a new school. You must attend classes until the date your I-20 is released to your new school	Travel outside the United States (request a travel signature from your Advisor)

**EMPLOYMENT:** You may only work when authorized by an Advisor (including on-campus jobs, off-campus jobs and internships, even if unpaid). If you choose to work without authorization, you may be in violation of your F-1 visa and may not be able to re-enter the United States in the future.

**PROGRAM COMPLETION:** After you complete your studies at SBCC, you have the following options:

- If you complete the ESL Program or the Associate Degree Program listed on your I-20, you have a 60-day grace period to transfer to another school, change your program and/or program level (e.g. ESL to Academic), or to leave the U.S. You may not travel out of the U.S. and re-enter with your F-1 visa during this grace period.
- If you do not complete the ESL program or an Associate degree, you have 15 days to leave the U.S. or transfer.

Type Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# EMERGENCY CONTACTS & AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

**List two people SBCC may contact on your behalf in an emergency. One contact must be a parent or legal guardian. The other contact may be another relative or friend who can contact your parent or legal guardian.**

Name: _____	Name: _____
Relationship: _____	Relationship: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
E-mail: _____	E-mail: _____

**Note:** ISSP staff = SBCC International Student Support Program staff or Dean

- I authorize SBCC staff to contact the person(s) listed above in case of a legal or medical emergency, and/ or any extraordinary circumstances.
- I authorize a representative of the hospital or medical facility, in which I am treated for medical, psychological, or urgent care, to release information regarding my condition and prognosis to an Advisor/DSO or Dean at Santa Barbara City College. I authorize SBCC staff to release information on my condition to a hospital/medical facility representative.
- I authorize SBCC Health/Counseling staff to provide information to ISSP staff regarding medical treatment, psychological treatment, and testing reports. I authorize ISSP staff to provide information to SBCC Health/Counseling staff.
- I authorize SBCC staff to notify my professors if I am in the hospital and unable to attend class.
- I authorize SBCC staff to contact and discuss with the persons listed above my academic and visa status.
- I authorize my homestay representative to release, exchange, and / or discuss information regarding my housing situation with an SBCC staff member to ensure the best possible assistance is given, without liability to either party.
- I authorize SBCC to use my photograph in any and all publications for SBCC marketing and publicity purposes, including web site entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I hereby authorize SBCC to copy, exhibit, publish or distribute my photo, and I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my photo appears.
- I authorize SBCC staff to release any information from my records which is required by Department of Homeland Security pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my visa status.
- I authorize SBCC staff to access my I-94 record as needed to verify entry and departure information associated with my passport number.
- I authorize SBCC staff to release any information from my records to my referring agency.
- I authorize SBCC staff to release any information from my school or SEVIS records to the government agency that provides funding for my education.
- I authorize ISSP staff to discuss pending claims with Relation Benefits and Insurance Solutions.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type/Print Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_