Rules and Regulations
International- F1 Visa Students

- **I-20:** Do not let your I-20 expire. If you need an extension to the completion date on the I-20, please contact us. If your I-20 expires before you graduate, you will be out of legal status. Keep all of your I-20s for your records.

- **Passport:** Do not let your passport expire. You should extend your passport six months prior to the expiration date at your country’s Consulate in the United States or when you go back home.

- **I-94 Card:** Keep your I-94 card. It must state "F-1" and "D/S" (Duration of Status).

- **Visa Stamp:** It is okay for your visa to expire while you are in the United States; however, you may need to renew it if you travel outside the United States.

- **Update us** of any address, phone or email changes while maintaining legal immigration status (Post Office Boxes are not acceptable for reporting purposes). Failure to do so could result in losing legal immigration status and being required to leave the United States.

- **Do not** enter the United States on a tourist (B) visa, the visa waiver program, or on a border-crossing card. You will no longer be on a student visa and you will lose all student visa benefits.

- **You must complete the following number of hours each semester:**
  - Fall Semester – minimum 12 credits (4 classes)/ Spring Semester-minimum 12 credits
  - **Summer 1- optional/ Summer 2-optional**

- If you need to fall below the required hours, please contact us. You may or may not be eligible to fall below hours legally. If summer is your first semester at IRSC, then you must register full-time. If you want to take classes at another school, during the summer or in conjunction with your IRSC classes, then you need to complete Transient Student Form.

- **Do not** change your degree level without consulting us first. **Only 3 hours** of distance learning or on-line education courses may count towards the fulfillment of your full-time enrollment requirement for each semester.

- **On-Campus Work:** As long as you are in legal F-1 status, you are eligible to work on campus for up to 20 hours per week during the Spring and Fall semesters.

- **Off-Campus Work:** You must get proper work authorization prior to working off-campus. You will be out of status and eligible for deportation if you work without USCIS authorization. Do not risk it.

- **Traveling outside the United States while you are a student:** An International Student Advisor should sign your I-20 before you leave the United States. The signature is valid for up to one year or until you graduate if you graduate in less than a year. Be sure that you enter the United States on your F-1 visa. Always make sure your I-94 card is marked "F-1" and "D/S".

**NOTE:** these are only some of the rules associated with your F-1 Student Visa- please see the International Student Advisor for questions or concerns regarding your Visa**