

Traveling Outside the U.S.

Travel Checklist:

- **I-20 or DS-2019 with Travel Signature.**
Make sure your I-20 or DS-2019 has been signed in the travel authorization section by the Designated School Official or Responsible Officer in the Center for International Education and is authorized for travel past the date that you will return to the U.S. Please go to the Center for International Education to request a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019.
- **Valid Passport.**
Make sure your passport has not expired AND that it will still be valid at least six months after the date you plan to re-enter the U.S. If you need to renew your passport, contact the consulate or embassy representing your home country in the U.S. or the appropriate authorities in your home country.
- **Valid Visa.**
Make sure the visa in your passport will still be valid on the date you plan to re-enter the U.S. and still has entries remaining (either "M" for unlimited entries or at least "1" entry left). You can not renew your visa while in the U.S. For more detailed information about renewing your visa please visit the CIE.
- **Visas for Other Countries.**
You may need a visa if you plan to visit countries other than your own. You should check with the consulate of the country you wish to visit before you make travel plans to see if you need a visa to enter that country. For more information about how to obtain a Canadian Visa and application, please visit the following site: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp>
- **I-94 (small white card in your passport).**
Bringing your most recent I-94, Departure Card, will facilitate your reentry if reentering through a land Port Of Entry.
If you are flying, the airline will collect your I-94 prior to departure and you will complete a new one upon reentry. **Note:** If you travel to Canada for less than 30 days you should not surrender your I-94 entering Canada (especially if your visa is expired!!).
- **Evidence of Financial Support.** Upon re-entering the U.S. you may be asked to show proof of your financial support such as a recent bank statement or statements from family if supported by them. This is especially important when crossing the border from Mexico or Canada.
- **Receipt of SEVIS fee.**
When you paid your SEVIS fee you received a receipt. Take a copy of this; keep the original with you and the copy in a safe place.

Also recommended:

- Naz Student ID Card.
- Transcript and/or Certification of Enrollment. You can print an unofficial transcript on NazNet or obtain a certification of enrollment from the Registrar's Office.

Are you planning to travel to Canada, Mexico or an Adjacent Island for less than 30 days? Some students in F or J status can re-enter the U.S. from Canada, Mexico, or Adjacent Islands with an expired visa. Click [here](#) for more information and to see if you are eligible for an automatic visa validation.