



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

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**Email sent to currently enrolled UW Tacoma F-1 International Students on March 31, 2025.**

**From:** [uwtiss@uw.edu](mailto:uwtiss@uw.edu)

**Subject:** Immigration Update from UW Tacoma ISSS

Dear [Student Name]

We are aware of reports from other institutions that some F-1 student visas have been cancelled by the U.S. government and some student SEVIS immigration records are being terminated. At the time of this email, **no UW Tacoma I-20 nor SEVIS records have been terminated by the U.S. government for currently enrolled F-1 international students.**

I understand that this information, as well as recent news stories, can be alarming for members of the international student community. I want to assure you that the ISSS staff and University leadership are continuing to monitor the situation closely. ISSS will be monitoring the SEVIS immigration system regularly and will contact any F-1 student directly if there is a change to their SEVIS record by the U.S. government.

University officials are not receiving any notifications from the government when they terminate the SEVIS record, but we have heard from other schools that students receive an email from the embassy or consulate where their visa was issued. **If you receive an email from the embassy, consulate, or any other official U.S. government office stating your F visa has been cancelled and you should depart the U.S., please email us at [uwtiss@uw.edu](mailto:uwtiss@uw.edu) as soon as possible so we can review your SEVIS record and provide you with additional information.**

**Question: Can I check my SEVIS record? What else can I do to make sure my status is okay?**

Students cannot access the SEVIS immigration system. F-1 regulations are being enforced and the best thing you can do to ensure your status remains active is to remain compliant with the requirements for your visa. **Please review the [Maintaining F-1 Student Status page](#).**

ISSS also recommends the following:

- **Carry color photocopies of your current immigration documents at all times, even when in the U.S.** This is required to show you were legally admitted to the U.S.
  - A valid passport
  - F-1 student Visa (located inside your valid passport or expired passport) or F-1 approval notice
  - I-94 (download it [here](#)) or on the F-1 approval notice
  - I-20
- **Maintain full-time status** by following the F-1 enrollment requirements.
- **Report U.S. address changes within 10 days of moving.** Update your local address through [MyUW](#). This update will flow into your ISSS Portal and SEVIS record. *Failure to report an address change within 10 days is a violation of your immigration status.*



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- **Check the program date on your I-20.** Apply early in the ISSS Portal for any immigration benefit (I-20 extension, final quarter reduced course load, CPT, etc.) or any USCIS-adjudicated benefit like OPT.
- **Monitor your university email** and read the weekly ISSS newsletter for reliable information and up-to-date changes or announcements. ISSS will send emails to F-1 students when we have updates, and we will directly contact any student whose SEVIS record is changed by the government.
- **If you need to travel internationally, carefully review our [Travel & Visa page](#)** to be prepared for requirements and potential delays or challenges you could encounter upon re-entry. You are also encouraged to [register your international travel with Global Affairs](#).

The University leadership, faculty, staff and entire UW community are here to support our international student community. We are working with national resources to better understand the events taking place and will continue to post updates with any new information we receive.

Remember that all UWT students have access to counseling services through [PAWS \(Psychological & Wellness Services\)](#) and free legal immigration consultations through [Student Legal Services](#).

Kelsey and I are available for individual zoom or in-person appointments AND hybrid drop-in advising. Visit our [International Student Advisor page](#) to book an appointment or access hybrid drop-in advising. If you have questions, feel free to reply to this email.

Most Sincerely,

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