Traveling

If you plan on traveling outside the U.S. you must have your I-20 signed by one of the Designated School Officials (DSO) in the Center for International Education (CIE) before you leave. Usually students travel during summer, spring or winter breaks. But sometimes you need to travel during the semester.

Be sure to have a current DSO signature on page 3 of your I-20. If you don’t have a current signature on your I-20, you will likely have difficulty reentering the U.S. Additionally, it is best to have a copy of your current semester schedule and proof of tuition payment if you travel in the middle of a semester.

**Steps:**

1. Come to the CIE with your I-20 at least 2 weeks before you travel.
2. Make sure that your passport will still be valid for at least six months on the day you plan to reenter the U.S.
3. Make sure your visa is still current.
4. If you have dependents and they are travelling too, be sure to have a current signature on their I-20’s.
5. If you will travel in the middle of a semester, make sure your professors know you are traveling and have given you permission to travel (via email/in writing) and miss class.