

MARIST



International Student Information

**Office of
International
Student Services**

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What Is Full Time Status?

Full-Time Status:

- Full-time undergraduate course load: 12 credits (minimum) at all times
- Full-time graduate course load: 9 credits (minimum) at all times

Exceptions for less than full-time study must be granted by the DSO to remain in lawful status



Online Classes

Only one 3-credit online course per semester may be taken to count toward full-time status.

- **Undergraduate students: 3 of 12 credits can be online**
- **Graduate students: 3 of 9 credits can be online**

****During your last semester, you cannot be registered for only online classes****



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On Campus Employment

- **Foreign students may work on campus for up to 20 hours per week when school is in session, and full-time when classes are not in session.**
- **Students must have a letter from the department in which they have been hired, and a letter from the DSO in order to get a Social Security card.**
- **On-campus employment ends on the students last day of classes.**



On Campus Employment Documents

**Documents
needed to
work on
campus:**

Foreign passport

Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record

Visa

Letter from on-campus employer

Letter from DSO

I-20



J-1 Students

- Requires permission for all types of employment
- Please check in with the ISS Office



Going Home?

What do I need?

- Form I-20 signed by DSO
- Current (unexpired) passport
- Current (unexpired) visa
- Letter from employer, EAD card, and Form I-94 (if currently on OPT)

It is risky to travel if :

- You have an application with USCIS pending
- You have criminal charges



Don't Forget!

- Bring your I-20 to the ISS Office for a travel signature **before** you leave the U.S.!
- Report changes to your name, address, phone number, change of major or change of I-20 program end date!



Graduation Ceremony Visa Letters

- Did you know? You can request commencement ceremony invitations to your friends and family!
- See "Additional Forms" section of <http://www.marist.edu/registrar/international> for instructions.
- Submit graduation letter requests any semester prior to your last semester in order to receive them in time for commencement!



How Do I Apply For CPT?

CPT must be directly related to your major field of study and must end on the last day of classes.

In order to qualify for CPT, you must:

- Be an **F-1** student
- Be in **good academic standing**, and making normal progress with the degree of your program
- Have completed **one full academic year** of study

During CPT, you must remain full-time student during Fall and Spring semesters.

You will need a new I-20 before you start your work.

CPT ends on the last day of your classes.

When Should I Apply For My OPT?

If you are an F-1 student, you may participate in post-completion OPT after completing your studies.

Students authorized for post-completion OPT may work part-time (at least 20 hours per week) or full time for one year.

You can apply for OPT even if you do not have a job.

You may file your OPT application up to 90 days prior to your program end date and no later than 60 days after your program end date.

After you receive your OPT I-20, you have 30 days in which to send in your application.



