



## Regulations for F-1 International Students

- In compliance with the United States Citizenship, Immigration and Naturalization Service, (USCIS), undergraduate international students are required to carry no fewer than 12 credit hours each semester. Graduate international students are required to carry no fewer than 9 credit hours each semester. For that reason, students must have the written approval of the Director of International Student and Scholar Services before adding, dropping, or changing classes. International students have two semesters to achieve a 2.00 grade point average with a minimum of 12 (undergraduate)/ 9 (graduate) credit hours per semester. Failure to meet these guidelines may result in dismissal from Grand Valley State University, and USCIS will be notified that the student is out of status.
- Students on F-1 status are permitted to work on campus up to a maximum of 20 hours per week. Upon arrival in Grand Rapids, students should check on line (MILLY) for available positions. You will be provided the necessary papers to complete in order to apply for a social security card. Other work options are available after graduation, or if required by your major. Please see Director of International Student and Scholar Services for details.
- Students changing their address are required to submit their new address to USCIS on form AR-11 and to the Student Assistance Center, 150 STU within 10 days of moving.
- Any student wishing to leave the country for either travel or vacation must have the back of their I-20 endorsed by the Designated School Official. Please allow a minimum of 2 days for this signature. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that the I-20 has this signature. There will not be problems for the student to leave the country, but without the signature, re-entry may not be granted.
- Detailed regulations are available at the United States Citizenship, Immigration and Naturalization Web Site: [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)