Responsibilities of F-1 Students:

International students are required to abide by United States immigration regulations throughout their stay in the country. International students are admitted to the US by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the purpose of being full-time students. Penalties for violations of immigration law can be severe and include deportation, so it is extremely important for students to understand their responsibilities and the conditions of their immigration status.

Remember that it is the student's responsibility to be informed about immigration rules and any rule changes which occur during their stay in the US. The Office of International Students Services provides international students with the necessary information to do this, but it is the student and not the university who is ultimately responsible for actively maintaining legal student status.

F-1 students are required to:

- Maintain a valid passport at all times.
- Attend the school they are authorized to attend by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). This is the school which appears on the I-20 Certificate of Eligibility.
- Engage in a full course of study (at least 3 DePauw credits).
- Leave the United States by the anticipated completion date shown on the I-20.
  - F-1 students can remain in the US up to 60 days beyond the length of time it takes to complete their academic program.
  - F-1 students can remain in the US for 12 months after securing an undergraduate degree if authorized to work under the OPT (Optional Practical Training) program.
- Limit employment, both on-campus and off-campus, up to a total of 20 hours per week while school is in session, unless special permission is granted.
- Maintain valid health insurance coverage which meets University requirements.
- Refrain from off-campus employment without authorization.
- Report a change of residence to International Student Services within 10 days.