Responsibilities of J-1 Students

It is extremely important to comply with immigration regulations in order to maintain lawful status. The United States has instituted severe penalties for "overstays" and "unlawful presence". It is the student's own responsibility to maintain lawful status.

A person admitted to the United States as a J-1 student must meet certain obligations in order to maintain valid immigration status, including:

- Maintain a valid passport at all times.
- Attend the school she or he is authorized to attend by the US Department of State. This is the school which appears on the DS-2019 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.
  - J-1 students can remain in the US up to 30 days beyond the length of time it takes to complete their academic 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.
  - Non-degree J-1 exchange students are NOT eligible for paid off-campus employment.
  - Non-degree J-1 exchange students ARE eligible to work on-campus
- Maintain valid health insurance coverage which meets Department of State and University requirements.
- Refrain from off-campus employment without authorization.
- Report a change of residence to International Student Services within 10 days.