J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR VISA
STUDENT NON-DEGREE

Center for International Programs
Kalamazoo College
Basics

- SEVIS
- DS-2019, US visa, I-94 admission number
- www.cbp.gov/I94
- 30-day grace period after academic program ends

Academics

Employment: On-campus ONLY!!!

Academic Training (AT) = internship June 2014

Travel

Health insurance required by J-1 visa regulations: You MUST have health insurance for the entire time you’re in the US with a J-1!
To Maintain Your J-1 Status

- Maintain valid DS-2019, valid passport, valid visa
- Carry a full course of study.
  - 2.4 courses per quarter at Kalamazoo College
- Make normal progress toward completing course of studies.
  - General rule: Earn at least “C-” in all courses
- Work only on-campus for no more than 20 hours per week at Kalamazoo College.
  - 40 hours/week during breaks.
• Maintain health insurance.

• Report change of address to Alayna Pelfresne within 10 days of change.

• Do not exceed your authorized period of stay. (Even if J-1 visa is expired, student is allowed to stay in the U.S as long as DS – 2019 is current AND you have health insurance).

• Stay out of trouble! (both here at K and legally!)
Please submit to the CIP...

- You should make 6 copies and submit 3 copies of each document to the CIP (Passport, VISA, DS-2019, and I-94 admission number) Use remaining 2 copies for SSN app!
Authorized period of stay

- The date on item # 3 of the DS-2019 form indicates the period of time you are allowed to pursue your educational objective.

- If you engage in Academic Training after the academic year, this date can be extended for up to 9 months.

- You must apply for Academic Training and be approved before the program end date on DS-2019.
• You will have 30 days to “prepare for departure” upon completion of program.

• Visit friends, travel within the US, etc. Note that leaving the US during the 30 day period is problematic!

• Even if visa expires, it’s ok to stay up to 30 days!
When You Leave U.S. for Vacation

- Get the proper travel signature from the appropriate CIP staff member (Alayna Pelfresne, Joe Brockington or Margaret Wiedenhoeft) before traveling outside of the US, including to either Canada or Mexico, during the academic year.
  - The signature is valid for one year.
  - Have a valid passport, visa and DS-2019
Academic Training (AT)

- Academic training is designed to allow J-1 students the opportunity to apply knowledge gained in the classroom to a practical work experience off campus (internship).
- It is available for full or part-time employment to those in both degree and non-degree programs.
- Academic training can be paid or unpaid, and can be used after the completion of the academic program/after one full academic year.
- Job/internship must be related to liberal arts!
Social Security Number (SSN)

- SSN is used to apply for a job.
- You need an SSN when filing US taxes.
- You can apply for SSN ten business days after arriving in US.
- All international students at K College MUST apply for a SSN!
To Apply for an SSN

- Bus to Social Security Administration
  - Check your email for dates and times
- You need to bring the following original documents:
  - Passport/visa
  - I-94 Admission Number
  - DS-2019
  - Two copies of each document listed above
  - Completed SSN application
  - Two letters from CIP-You will get an email letting you know to pick up your letters.

- Please be sure to wait 10 business days after arriving in the US to apply for an SSN!
Questions?

Please ask Alayna Pelfresne