



Office of International Services

OIS Reminders for J-1 Non-Degree Visiting Students- July 2025

The JHU Office of International Services (OIS) will occasionally share timely immigration-related reminders, as well as relevant resources and updates with our J-1 Visiting Student community. Visit the OIS website for more information about our services and how to connect with our office: <https://ois.jhu.edu>.

OIS Services and Advising

The Office of International Services (OIS) at Johns Hopkins is a virtual operation that serves our international students via electronic means. To quickly connect with a J-1 advisor, remember to use our dedicated service account: J1-Advising@jhu.edu. You can also refer to the OIS website for information related to your [J-1 Student immigration status](#).

Immigration Policy Updates

We encourage you to continue to check the OIS website for [Recent Federal Immigration Actions](#), as well as our [Immigration Policy Information and Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage. If there are any updates relevant to our international community, we will post them here.

OIS would like to take this opportunity to ensure that our international clientele knows they are welcome here and will be supported as a vital part of the JHU family.

Travel Information

Carefully review the “[Travel Information](#)” section of the OIS website and prepare the appropriate documentation before departing the U.S. When considering travel, keep in mind that changes can occur at any time. *If you cannot afford an interruption in your academic program due to an indefinite period abroad, you should carefully consider the need to travel outside the U.S.*

- J-1 Exchange Visitors must request a travel signature at least 10 business days in advance of travel by submitting the “Travel Signature/DS-2019 Reprint Form” in iHopkins under the J-1 Student Services section.
- Review your I-94 record when you re-enter the U.S., ensuring it reflects the correct class of admission (“J-1”), date of admission, and admit-until date (“D/S” for J-1 Students). Retrieve your electronic I-94 [here](#), print a copy, and carry it with you, as required by immigration law. If your I-94 contains incorrect information, email OIS for guidance on correcting it.

J-1 Visiting Student (Non-Degree) Reminders

- **Maintaining J-1 Status:** J-1 visiting students should visit the OIS website to review the requirements of [Maintaining J-1 Status](#). See important highlights below:
 - **Enrollment Requirement:** J-1 visiting students must register for the appropriate course(s) for each term/semester that they will be at JHU. Newly arrived and currently active visiting students should contact their JHU hosting department to complete registration for the current term/semester.
 - **Participation Requirement:** The U.S. Department of State requires J-1 Exchange Visitor program activities to be conducted within the U.S. on a full-time and primarily in-person basis. *Virtual or fully remote exchange programs are not permitted.*
 - **Address Reporting:** all J-1 students must report their local U.S. address and phone number to OIS within 10 days of a change. To review and update this information, follow these instructions: [J-1 Student Address Reporting](#).
- **Program Extensions:** If you plan to remain at JHU as a Visiting Student beyond your current DS-2019 end date, you must contact your hosting department administrator to request an extension at least 1-2 months in advance. You may refer to the Visiting Student Extension Request Process [Timeline](#).*
- **J-1 End of Program/Departure Reporting:** Visiting students should submit the J-1 End of Program/Departure eForm in iHopkins prior to their departure from the U.S. at the end of their program at JHU. This eForm can also be used to report early departures.

Announcements

In case you missed it: Effective December 9th, 2024, the U.S. Department of State released an updated version of the [Exchange Visitor Skills List](#). The 2024 Skills List is the first comprehensive revision of this list since 2009. Many countries that were formerly on the Skills List are no longer included in the new version. OIS summarized these updates on our website under the section: [Important Notice Regarding the Exchange Visitor Skills List](#).

Events & Resources

The OIS website provides numerous resources for our international community. Be sure to check out [these resources](#), intended to promote and support health, safety and well-being while in the U.S.

International Students should be aware of scams (which are deceptive attempts to accomplish fraudulent or illegal acts that could threaten your safety and well-being). The OIS [website](#) provides detailed information on how to identify and protect yourself if you become the target of a scam!

For upcoming Johns Hopkins events and activities on campus, check out the JHU Events page!