REINSTATEMENT INFORMATION FOR F-1 STUDENTS

A student who has failed to maintain F-1 student status and who wishes to return to or transfer to Colorado State University must apply for and be granted reinstatement to their F-1 student status by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Students who do not wish to apply for reinstatement or do not feel they will have a successful reinstatement may also leave the US and obtain a new visa using a new I-20 with a new SEVIS number.

Either option to regain status should be discussed with your International Student Advisor.

Common violations of F-1 status include (but are not limited to):

- Failure to extend I-20 before the program expiration deadline
- Failure to complete the F-1 transfer in or transfer out procedure in a timely manner
- Failure to enroll in a full course of study (unless you have prior written authorization from OIP to do so)
- Failure to notify OIP of an address change

If you think you may be out of status, please visit OIP immediately and meet with an International Student Advisor. The longer you wait to address the problem, the more difficult it can become to fix it.

Eligibility to apply for reinstatement:

A student may be reinstated to F-1 status by the USCIS if the student can establish the following:

- That he/she has not been out of status for more than 5 months at the time of the filing the request for reinstatement
- Student does not have a record of repeated or willful violations of Service regulations
- Is currently pursuing, or intending to pursue, a full course of study at the school that issued the Form I-20
- Has not engaged in unauthorized employment
- Is not deportable on any ground other than section 241 (a) (1) (B) or (C) (i) of the Act (i.e. overstaying or failing to maintain status)

Application Procedures:

Include the following documents:

- A completed I-539 form with the $290 filing fee (the check should be made payable to Department of Homeland Security.) Write the word REINSTATEMENT on the top of the form in red.
- A newly obtained I-20 form issued by Colorado State University
- Your original I-94 form
- A copy of your previous I-20 form
- Evidence of continued funding
- A written statement requesting reinstatement which explains that the violation of student status resulted from circumstances beyond your control and/or that the failure to be reinstated would result in extreme hardship.
- Any documentation that supports your claim should be attached.

ONCE ALL MATERIALS ARE GATHERED, HAVE YOUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR REVIEW THE PACKET AND ISSUE YOU A NEW I-20.

- Once approved from an OIP advisor, student will mail the application to:
  California Service Center
  P.O. Box 10539
  Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-1053