F-1 Students

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**Traveling**

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Transferring To & From Yale

If you are in lawful F-1 status and are completing or leaving your current program with confirmed arrangements to continue your studies in the U.S.

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