Leave of Absence & Study Abroad

Leave of Absence

If you are considering a leave of absence, you must [consult with OISS](http://oiss.yale.edu/about/contact-oiss) [1] before making your final decision. An F-1 student may not remain in the U.S. in F-1 status during a leave of absence. You will either have to depart the U.S. or make arrangements to hold another nonimmigrant status.

Study/Research Abroad

If you plan to study or conduct research outside the U.S. for an academic semester or longer (not including summer term), please check with an [OISS adviser](http://oiss.yale.edu/about/contact-oiss) [1] before you leave. Arrangements will be made to keep you in lawful student status and enrolled in absentia so that you can return to New Haven without delay. [Address reporting requirements](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/report-your-address) [2] still apply while you are outside the U.S. and in some cases, a new visa will be required to return.

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