Leave of Absence & Research Abroad

**Leave of Absence**

If you are considering a leave of absence, you must consult with OISS [1] before making your final decision. In most instances, a J-1 student may not remain in the U.S. in J-1 student status during a leave of absence. You will need to either depart the U.S. or make arrangements to obtain 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 before you leave [1]. 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 [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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