

RETURNING TO MSU AFTER MILITARY SERVICE OR EXTENDED STAY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

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International students intending to return to Michigan State University who are outside the U.S. for 1 year or longer must follow these steps.

Note the following:

- Start this process no fewer than 3 months before your intended return.
 - You **must** be eligible for readmission after temporary absence from MSU to follow these steps.
 - You **must** be registered as a full time student your first semester back in the U.S., even if your first semester is summer. We do not recommend returning for summer semester because it may be difficult to fulfill the full time registration requirement.
 - **Immigration regulations do not permit the student (or his or her dependents) to enter the U.S. sooner than 30 days before the program start date.**
 - To be eligible for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or Optional Practical Training (OPT), you **must** be full time for at least 2 semesters from the returning semester.
1. Apply for readmission through the MSU Office of the Registrar:
<http://reg.msu.edu>, click the “*Enrollment & Registration*” tab, then click the “*Readmissions*” link.
 - *If you require university housing, be sure to check the appropriate box in the readmission application.*
 2. After readmission approval, email oiiss@msu.edu to request a new I-20. Include the following information in your email:
 - Name
 - MSU Personal ID number (PID)
 - Semester for which you plan to return (i.e. Fall 20xx, Spring 20xx)
 - Current mailing address
 3. The Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) will request updated funding documentation in order to issue the I-20. Send your documentation by email attachment to oiiss@msu.edu or by fax to 1-517-355-4657.
 4. OISS will email you with information regarding shipping options once your I-20 has been processed.
 5. Once you receive your I-20, please pay the SEVIS fee at www.fmjfee.com
 6. You **must** have a valid F-1 visa stamp to enter the U.S. Contact the U.S. Embassy/Consulate nearest you and ask if it is necessary to apply for a new visa (you should ask this even if your previous F-1 visa stamp is still valid). Follow the embassy/consulate’s advice.
 7. You must come to OISS to complete your **required** government check-in process. Please bring your Passport, I-94 card and I-20.