

International Student Information Session Fall 2015

F-1 Status Rights and Responsibilities
International Student Information Session Fall 2014

Quiz?!!

Pre Test/ Post Test



Important Documents

- Passport
- I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Non Immigrant Student)
- Visa
- I-94 Arrival/ Departure Record



Passport



I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility)

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student
Status - For Academic and Language Students (OMB NO. 1115-0051)

Page 1

Please read Instructions on Page 2.
This page must be completed and signed in the U.S. by a designated school official.

1. Family Name (surname): **This**

First (given) Name: **Sebastian** Middle Name:

Country of birth: **BRASIL** Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): **05/16/1983**

Country of citizenship: **BRASIL** Admission number:

2. School (School district) name: **University of Miami**
University of Miami Undergraduate

School Official to be notified of student's arrival in U.S. (Name and Title):
Cristina Flores
Advisor, International Student and Scholar Services

School address (include zip code):
5630 Merrick Drive, 31-F
Coral Gables, FL 33124-5550

School code (including 1-digit suffix, if any) and approval date:
MIA114902-14503 approved on **05/10/2003**

3. This certificate is issued to the student named above for:
Continued attendance at this school.

4. Level of education the student is pursuing or will pursue in the United States:
BACHELOR'S

5. The student named above has been accepted for a full course of study at this school, majoring in **Advertising**.
The student is expected to report to the school no later than **01/12/2004** and complete studies not later than **05/12/2005**. The normal length of study is **45** months.

6. English proficiency:
This school requires English proficiency.
The student has the required English proficiency.

7. This school estimates the student's average costs for an academic term of **9** (up to 12) months to be:

a. Tuition and fees	\$	24,816.00
b. Living expenses	\$	11,842.00
c. Expenses of dependents (if any)	\$	0.00
d. Other (specify: Books/Supplies)	\$	174.00
Total	\$	36,642.00

8. This school has information showing the following as the student's means of support, estimated for an academic term of **9** months (Use the same number of months given in item 7).

a. Student's personal funds	\$	0.00
b. Funds from this school	\$	0.00
Specify type:		
c. Funds from another source	\$	36,642.00
Specify type: Family		
d. On-campus employment	\$	0.00
Total	\$	36,642.00

9. Remarks:

10. School Certification: I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above in items 1 through 9 was completed before I signed this form and is true and correct; I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of course taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were reviewed at the school prior to the execution of this form; the school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school; the student will be required to pursue a full course of study as required by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5); I am a designated official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

Cristina Flores, Advisor, International Student and Scholar Services, 05/10/2003, Coral Gables, FL

Name of School Official: Cristina Flores, Title: Advisor, International Student and Scholar Services, Date issued: 05/10/2003, Place issued (city and state): Coral Gables, FL

11. Student Certification: I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay as specified on page 2. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study at the school named on page 1 of this form. I also authorize the named school to release any information, documents, records which is needed by the INS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) in determining my nonimmigrant status.

Sebastian, School of, Date: 05/10/2003

Name of parent or guardian: Address (city) (State or Province) (Country) (Date)

Form I-20 A-B (Rev. 04-21-01)8

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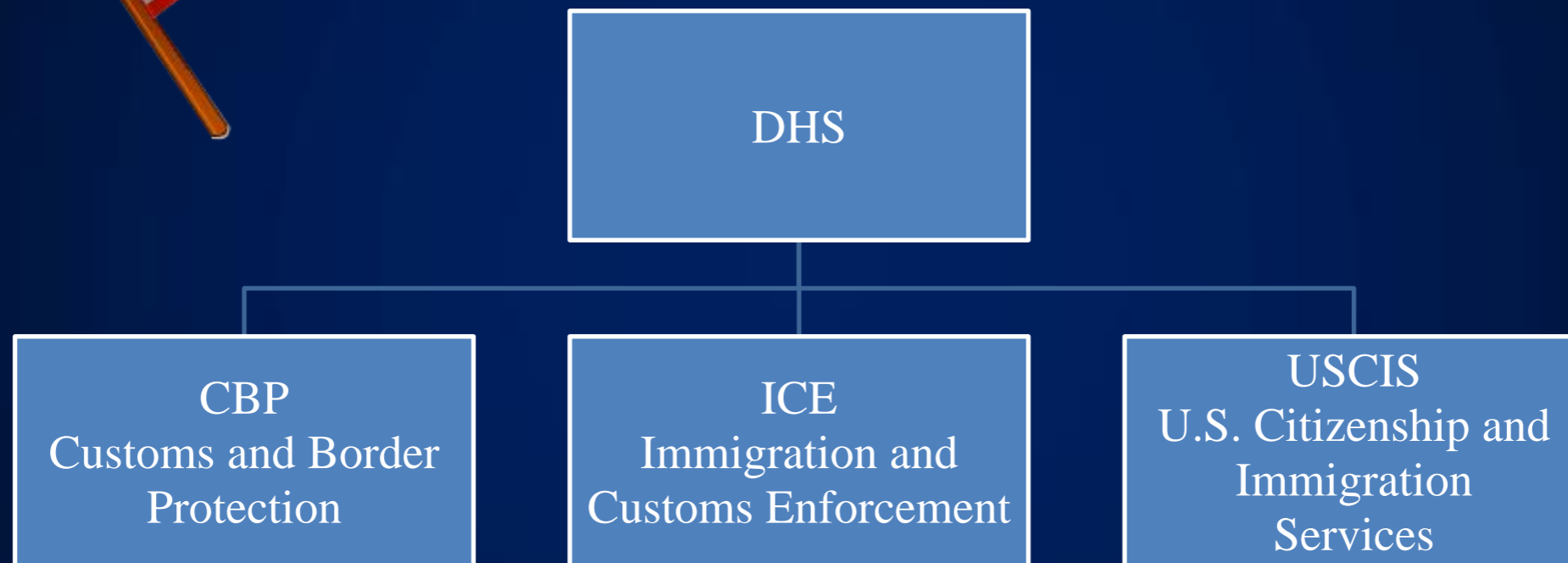
I-94

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First (Given) Name T o n g	Birth Date (Day/Mo/Yr) 0 7 / 0 4 / 7 3
Country of Citizenship P . R . C H I N A	
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U.S. State Department

- U.S. Embassies and Consulates worldwide
- Issues Visas in passports of a given length, and a certain number of entries to apply to enter the U.S.
- No U.S. Consulates within the U.S. Impossible to renew your visa in the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)



S.E.V.I.S

- “Student and Exchange Visitor Information System”
- U.S. Government tracking system for students and scholars
- You have already paid \$200 for this “service” - I-901 Fee
- Monitored by SEVP (part of ICE)
- All I-20s are generated from SEVIS
- Schools have Designated School Officials (DSO) that are required to update specific information within certain deadlines

Eligibility Stamp

- A Visa is eligibility stamp that students can take to apply to enter the U.S.
- Once admitted, students are given their "status"
- Status determines length of lawful stay in U.S. not visa
- F-1 Students are given until "D/S" to stay in the U.S. as indicated on the I-94 Form
- D/S means "Duration of Status"
- You are allowed to remain in the U.S. until you complete your program (s) (including OPT) plus an additional 60 day "grace period" to depart the U.S.

Maintaining F-1 Status

- Have a valid passport at all times
- Have an unexpired I-20 Form
- Report a change of address to the New Student Advisor within 10 days of your move
- Do not work off campus without Authorization
- Be enrolled full-time

Full-Time Course Load

- Must be enrolled in 12 units or more in Fall and Spring semesters
- Summer term is optional (**ONLY** for students completing Fall and Spring classes at HGTC)
- Withdrawals (W) are **NOT** recognized
- "F"s are recognized
- May only take **1** class or up to 3 units of "on-line" or "Hybrid" courses as part of 12 units
- Exceptions to Full Time Requirement:
 - Documented Medical Condition
 - Last Semester of Studies
 - Initial Academic Adjustment Difficulty
- Must get DSO permission **before** you drop below 12 units not your professor.

What If I Violate the Rules?

- DSOs are required to update SEVIS based on your program status. If certain dates pass for example without required updates, SEVIS will automatically terminate your record
- SEVIS is monitored by Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), part of ICE
- Subject you to deportation and future exclusion to the U.S.
- You may apply for Reinstatement to the USCIS to regain your status
- If you do not apply for Reinstatement, you will be expected to leave the country immediately. You can then apply for an "Initial Attendance" I-20 to return to the U.S.

Employment

- On-Campus
- Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- Economic Hardship



On-Campus Employment

- Students are allowed to work part-time
 - Up to 20 hours/ week) while school is in session.
 - Full time is allowed during Summer or during school breaks
- No USCIS approval needed
- Best places to look are the **bookstore, cafeteria, tutorial center, and possibly the library**

Employment

- Optional Practical Training (OPT)
 - Must have valid F-1 status for 1 academic year (2 semesters)
 - Must apply to USCIS for a Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
 - Job must be directly related to the field you are studying as indicated on your I-20
 - Available for 1 year at each educational level
 - May be taken pre or post completion of studies

Employment

- **Severe Economic Hardship**
 - Must prove to USCIS that employment is necessary due to severe economic hardship caused by circumstances beyond his or her control and must document the circumstances causing the economic need
 - Must have valid F-1 status for 1 academic year
 - Must apply to USCIS for a Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
 - Can be in any job. Does not have to be related to course of study

Travel and Re-Entry

- If you wish to travel outside the U.S. during your studies, and reenter after a temporary absence of 5 months or less, you will need the following:
 - A valid passport (and valid for 6 months)
 - A valid U.S. visa with more than 1 entry remaining. Exceptions are trips to Mexico and Canada of less than 30 days
 - Your I-20 with a current signature. We recommend you get a travel endorsement each time you travel.
 - Additional Recommended Documentation
 - Recent Financial Statement
 - Transcripts or Tuition Receipts
 - Name and Contact information of DSO



Completing Your Program/ Transferring

- 60 Day Grace Period after the last day of the semester
- Completing – Come to New Student Advisor Office to discuss future plans
- Transfer Students need to bring an acceptance letter from next school to NSA office
- Must start next term, within 5 months
- SEVIS Record must be released within grace period to maintain status

International Student Agreement

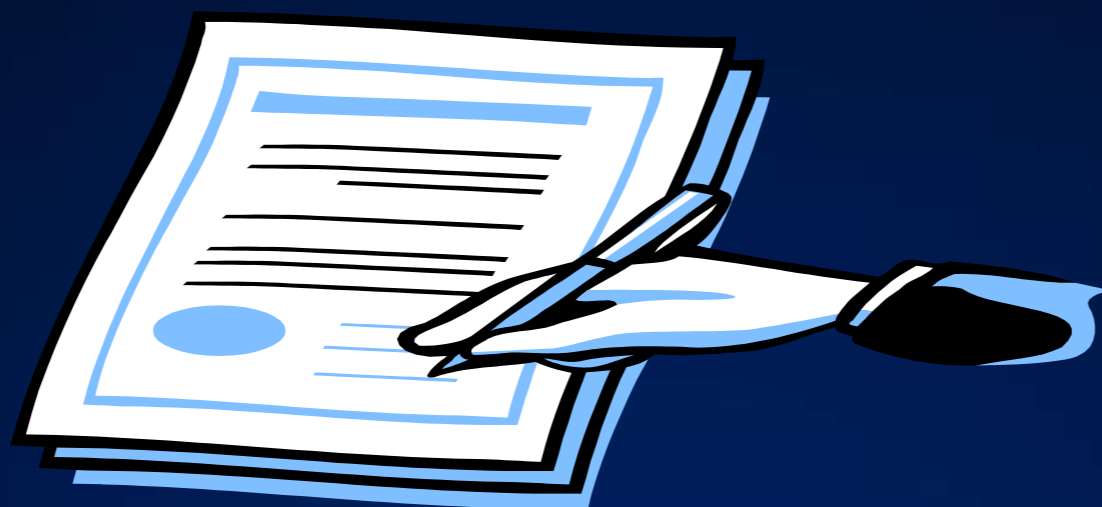
- If I am admitted as a student at Horry Georgetown Technical College:
 - I must view the NSO and INTERNATIONAL Student Orientation
 - I must enroll in, attend and complete (no “W” withdrawals) at least 12 units (full-time) of classes at Horry Georgetown Technical College each Fall and Spring semester (Summer optional) **ONLY** if you have completed 2-consecutive semesters AT HGTC
 - I must not enroll in more than 3 credits of distance education(Hybrid) or (online) course per semester
 - I must have a current MAP (My Academic Plan) on file and meet with the International Student Advisor once a semester
 - I will maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 “C”

International Student Agreement

- I have taken an assessment test to demonstrate my proficiency in the use of the English language and will enroll in the classes suggested by the College.
- My beginning math classes will be determined by a placement examination
- I must pay all tuition and fees each semester within 10 working days before tuition due date.
- I must limit on campus employment to no more than 20 hours per week while school is in session in accordance with U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations
- I may not work off-campus without authorization from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- I must notify HGTC' New Student Advisor/DSO of any changes in address within 10 days in accordance with U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations. The Office will then update my SEVIS record

International Student Agreement

- I understand that failure to comply with any of the Horry Georgetown Technical College regulations may result in a hold placed on my student records or dismissal from the College. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to understand and follow the DHS F-1 student regulations. I also understand that if I fail to meet the DHS regulations as they pertain to maintaining my F-1 status, Horry Georgetown Technical College is obligated to notify the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) branch of DHS via updating my SEVIS record. I understand that this could result in deportation from and future exclusion to the United States.



Name of Student: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

H#: _____