

Hope College
Holland, MI.

Transfer Students
Instructions for F-1 Students Currently in the US

As an F-1 visa holder, the US federal government must be informed of the educational institution you are attending in the US. If you have been studying at another US educational institution and now plan to attend Hope College, your SEVIS record must be transferred.

After you have been admitted to Hope College and have made the decision to attend Hope College, start the processes of transferring your SEVIS record by completing the student portion of “Transfer in Verification” Form. Please submit this form to the international office at your current education institution. A *Designated School Official* at your current school must complete part II of the form and submit it to Fried Center for Global Engagement at Hope College. The Center for Global Engagement will be able to produce your Hope College SEVIS I-20 after the **release date** noted in SEVIS by your current school. Please note that you will be able to begin your studies within five months of completing your studies at your current institution or within five months of the expiry date of your EAD card if participating in Optional Practical Training (OPT). Your current institution must release your SEVIS record to Hope College no later than 60 days from the completion of your studies or expiry of your EAD card.

Please note: you may no longer work on your current campus after the release date.

To complete the transfer process, contact the Fried Center for Global Engagement within 15 days of the program start date listed on your SEVIS I-20. This obligation is fulfilled by attending a mandatory orientation program provided by the Fried Center for Global Engagement. **At orientation, you will be asked to identify yourself as a transfer student.**

All international students on F-1 and J-1 visas are legally required to attend the international Student Orientation program.

When you attend orientation, you must bring the following documents:

- 1) Originals of your passport, a copy of I-94, and Hope College I-20 (if not taken at the US border if you travel between attending your current school and Hope College).
- 2) At the orientation, we will photocopy your identity, expiry, and visa pages of your passport.

The International Student Orientation is available on our website at <http://www.hope.edu/academics/global-engagement/international-tck-students/admitted-students.html>

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**TRANSFER IN VERIFICATION
FORM FOR F-1 STUDENTS**

Hope College Code: DET214F00329000

Instructions: Students in F-1 status who have been admitted to Hope College and need to transfer their F-1 status to Hope should complete Part I of this form. The international student advisor at your current school must complete part II and fax the form to OIE at **616/395/7937**. Your I-20 form cannot be issued until your current school has transferred your SEVIS record to Hope. When you arrive at Hope, you must report to OIE within 15 days of the start date on your Form I-20 to complete the transfer process. If you fail to report within 15 days, you will be out of status in the U.S.

Part I: To be completed by student

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name
Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Current Mailing Address: (Hope will send your new I-20 to this address so make sure you will be able to continue to receive mail for at least four weeks after submitting this form.)

Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____ Date of Birth: _____

By signing below, I authorize the International Student Advisor to provide the information requested below.

Signature _____ Date _____

Part II: To be completed by an International Student Advisor at your current school

Please indicate the student's current immigration status: F-1 _____ J-1 _____ Other _____

SEVIS ID Number _____ Date of Release for transfer _____

Student was last enrolled full time during the Fall / Spring / Summer term (circle one)

Student completed or terminated studies on _____.

Has the student been authorized for any CPT or OPT? If yes, please specify the dates authorized and whether the authorized periods were for CPT or OPT. _____.

If the student is out of status and has filed a reinstatement application, please note date the application was filed: _____

To the best of my knowledge, is this student in status according to DHS regulations and eligible for a transfer? Yes: ___ No: ___ If no, please explain: _____

Name of Person Completing this Form: _____ Title: _____

Name and Address of Institution:

Signature: _____ Email: _____ Date _____

