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Maintaining J1 Visa Status

As a J-1 Exchange Visitor it is important that you maintain your lawful J-1 status. Failure to do so can have serious long-term consequences. Below are steps you can take to ensure that you remain in status while in the U.S.:

- Check-in with the Office of International Education (OIE) **immediately** upon your arrival into the United States.
- Attend the mandatory ISSIS orientation
- Comply with all local, state, and federal laws
- Report address changes within 10 days of change
- The determining date of your status is the ending date in section 3 of your DS-2019 form. **DO NOT** let the end date on your DS-2019 expire. If your appointment at the University of Georgia is extended, the department must contact OIE prior to the current expiration date to have the DS-2019 form extended as well.
- Do not accept unauthorized employment. The only activity you are permitted is the one described in section 4 of the DS-2019 form. You must consult an OIE advisor **before** presenting any lectures or participating in any conferences during your stay.
- If offered a comparable position at another college or university, discuss your plans with an OIE advisor to make sure that the required transfer procedure can be accomplished.
- Comply with the U.S. Department of State's health insurance requirements for J-1 visa holders and their dependents. Failure to carry health insurance is considered to be a violation of the Exchange Visitor Program and will result in termination of your program and your J visa status.

- Keep your passport valid. Passport can be renewed by your embassy in Washington D.C. For information about your embassy, you may check <http://www.usembassy.gov/>
- Leave the U.S. **within 30 days** of the ending date of your exchange visitor program. If leaving the U.S. permanently, complete the departure form, <http://fs21.formsite.com/issisuga/form31/index.html> and submit it to OIE