

Immigration Update – Edition 1.0 – Before 01/20/17

	F-1 Students
Keeping in Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No threats to status at this time as no general changes have been proposed ● Keep passports valid 6 months into the future ● Engage in peaceful protests only--no violence, no marching on restricted areas (e.g., roadways)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Return from traveling before 01/20/17; afterwards, possible increase in government focus on countries of interest (related to terrorism)
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OPT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report address changes, employment changes, and start dates in a timely manner (within 10 days) ○ STEM OPT may come under negative review, but expansion of E-Verify to all employers may offset OPT cancellation
Visa Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Return from travel before 01/20/17; afterward, expanded security checks possible ● Citizens of countries of concern should travel only if necessary to return with a new visa after 01/20/17
Timing of Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Changes that require Congressional approval: varies from 1 day to months (or not at all) based on party opposition ● Regulatory changes: 30-60 days ● Executive orders: 1 day