

## Information for Students on F-1 and J-1 Visas

**NOTE: This information is intended only to provide general guidance and should not be taken as legal advice. The Student Conflict Resolution Center cannot guarantee the accuracy of any information below. If you are here on a visa and are facing discipline, you should contact your ISSS advisor and an attorney specializing in student visas to learn how you may be affected by different outcomes to your student conduct case.**

If you are suspended or expelled, you will likely lose your student status and violate your visa, and may need to leave the country immediately. You *might* be eligible to stay in the US for 60 days or 5 months after leaving school, depending on the circumstances.

If you fail to maintain student status or are facing discipline as a result of a criminal conviction, the University must report it to SEVIS within 21 days. If you are expelled, suspended, placed on probation, or withdrawn, the University must keep records of this, but might not need to report it if you do not lose status.

You *may* be able to transfer to another school on your F-1 visa if you are suspended or expelled from the University. To do so, you should contact your ISSS advisor immediately.

**If you fall out of status or violate the requirements of your visa as a result of school discipline, ISSS *may* be able to help you regain status.**

**For all non-resident visa holders:** a finding of responsibility or admission of facts in certain types of cases—related to crimes involving moral turpitude, e.g. sexual assault, theft, fraud—*may* make you inadmissible and ineligible for future visas. It *may* also make you deportable. Please consult with an immigration attorney to understand possible consequences.

### Finding an Immigration attorney

As a student, you are eligible to use the services of University Student Legal Services. USLS may be able to give you advice, or at least refer you to attorneys. Contact USLS to set up an appointment:

- Phone: 612-624-1001
- Email: [usls@umn.edu](mailto:usls@umn.edu)
- In Person: 160 West Bank Skyway, open Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

You can also search for an attorney through the American Immigration Lawyers Association website at <http://www.aialawyer.com/>. Be sure to select "Student and Exchange Visitors" for "Type of Lawyer"!

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