



# F-1 STUDENT AGREEMENT

Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) will make every effort to help you accomplish your educational goal. However, there are regulations you must follow in order to maintain your International Student (F-1) status. By signing the F-1 Student Agreement you agree to the follow requirements in order to maintain your status.

### IMMIGRATION:

- I am responsible for meeting all the immigration requirements listed on page 3 of I-20.
- I will immediately inform the International Student Program of any address, telephone number, name and/or residency status change.
- I will enroll in and complete 12 or more units every Fall/Spring semester to remain "in-status" while attending LAVC. I understand that if I drop below 12 units or stop attending school, my I-20 will be terminated, and I will be "out of status" and subject to deportation. I may not be allowed to return to the United States for 3 to 10 years.
- If I wish to transfer to another college or university, I must first successfully complete at least one (1) semester at LAVC. I must provide an acceptance letter from the college or university I am transferring to in order to complete the transfer process.
- I will request an "I-20 EXTENTION" at least 30 days before my I-20 expires if not expecting to complete my educational goal by the program end date. I understand that I may get I-20 extension only if I had previously approved medical or academic reasons for not completing my educational goal by the original program end date.
- At least two weeks prior to traveling outside the United States, I will request **Travel Advisement and I-20 Signature**. I understand that any/all HOLDS for the semester must be cleared at the time of requesting travel signature.
- I am responsible for maintaining a valid Passport and Visa at all times in order to travel outside the United States.
- If I was approved for an F-1 Visa through the "Change of Status" process, I **MUST** apply for a Student Visa in my country, should I leave the United States, to be able to return.
- If interested in Optional Practical Training (OPT), I will apply 90 days before, but no later than 60 days after completing my course of study at LAVC. I understand that OPT is optional and not required for F-1 students.
- I understand that F-1 Visa is not a work Visa and I am not allowed to work. **ONLY** in the event of **severe economic hardship** and **after being enrolled for at least one (1) academic year** I may request off-campus employment authorization if on-campus employment is not available. If approved, I may work no more than 20 hours per week while school is in session.

### COUNSELING & ACADEMICS ADVISEMENT:

- I will check my LACCD Student Email periodically because all the important communication from the college will be emailed to me to this email address.
- I will register for 12 or more units every semester using my registration appointment to secure my full-time enrollment and maintain my status. I understand that I may register for no more than one (1) online course per semester.
- I understand that all fees are due at the time of registration and must be paid in full by the deadline to avoid being dropped from the courses.
- I understand that I am not obligated to study during Summer/Winter intersessions.
- I will maintain a minimum academic standard, a 2.0 grade-point-average or higher required of all students.
- I understand that I may request a "Concurrent Enrollment" permission to take class(es) at another college while enrolled at LAVC, after enrolling in at least two courses / six units at LAVC.
- I will meet with the International Student Counselor every semester to:
  - Develop/update a *Student Educational Plan (SEP)*
  - Confirm my SEVIS registration and status verification
  - Change major (if needed)
  - Request extension of I-20 (if needed)
  - Request travel advisement and signature
  - Discuss any other issues such as:
    - Concurrently enrolling at another college
    - Transferring to another college
    - Experiencing difficulty in classes
    - Experiencing other unforeseen circumstances beyond my control that are affecting my ability to study or maintain full time enrollment.

### LACCD MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANE (IMED)

- I understand that I must purchase the **LACCD Mandatory Health Insurance** for each semester enrolled (LACCD Board Rule 2309.30). The rates are subject to change every semester. LACCD does not wave this requirement for any reason.

I have read and understood the requirements of F-1 student status at Los Angeles Valley College. Furthermore, my signature certifies that I agree to comply with the requirements stated in the F-1 Student Agreement.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # 900 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_