

**REESTABLISHING F-1 STUDENT STATUS BY RE-ENTRY  
CHECKLIST**

**(Re-Entry into U.S.)**

**STUDENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete **half sheet** in ISS.

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit current **proof of financial support**.

\_\_\_\_\_ If sponsored by a family member, friend, or agency, bring signed, dated **letter from sponsor**. Sample Sponsor Letter is available on our website and can be used as a guide if needed:  
<http://www.tamuk.edu/iss/I-20/index.html> .

\_\_\_\_\_ If reinstatement is required for failure to file for program extension, you will need to submit the “**Program Extension Request Forms**” (completed by student and academic/graduate advisor). Forms available on ISSS website: .

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit all documents, listed, to the DSO in ISS. **Note:** A new I-20 will be issued for “Initial Attendance.” You must depart and re-enter the U.S. by date indicated on Item #5 of the SEVIS I-20.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay **\$200 I-901 SEVIS Fee** *prior* to re-entering the U.S. Payment can be made at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com).

\_\_\_\_\_ **NOTE:** “You should be aware that the CBP officer will determine whether or not to admit you to the United States with the new Form I-20. *If you did not comply with the terms of your status during a prior stay in the United States, the CBP officer may decide that you are not eligible to reenter.*”

Source: [http://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel/faq\\_f2.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel/faq_f2.htm)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Note:** By choosing this option for clearing your current F-1 visa status, upon re-entry *you will be bound by the restrictions placed on new students*, such as the *“9 month in-status” rule before practical training (CPT/OPT)* or economic necessity employment authorization can be granted.