



Change of F-1/J-1 Status

OVERVIEW: If your original reason for coming to the United States changes, you may be required to change your nonimmigrant status to a different one before you lawfully begin to engage in the activities you want to pursue. See 8 CFR § 248.1 (C).

ELIGIBILITY: A nonimmigrant is eligible to change to an F-1 status in the following circumstance:

- I do not currently have a C, D, K, M, or S visa
- I am not in the United States under the visa waiver program
- If I am currently in J-1 status, I am not subject to a 2-year home country residency requirement.

TO APPLY:

1. Schedule an appointment with an international student advisor. Be sure to bring:
 - a. Completed Form I-539
 - b. A credit card to pay the I-901 fee (SEVIS fee)
 - c. Current I-94
 - d. Current, valid passport
 - e. Current, valid visa stamp
 - f. Evidence of financial support sufficient to meet expenses detailed on I-20
 - g. Check or money order (money order preferred) for \$370 addressed to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security"
 - h. Admission Letter from Montana State University

NOTE: If you are in any dependent status (F-2, J-2, or H-4) bring the principal visa holder's immigration documents to your appointment in addition to the above-listed documentation.