

B1/B2/WT/WB Visa Holder Acknowledgement

Please read the following pages, then sign, date and upload this form to your application in the True-Blue Tiger Portal.

As a B-1/B-2/WT/WB Visa holder, I confirm:

- that my English studies in the IEI program are only personal, avocational and recreational in nature
- that I do not intend to pursue a degree or fulfill any professional requirements by engaging in this study
- that my original purpose in coming to Memphis was not to study in the IEI program confirm
- that I was informed by the IEI program about the immigration rules related to B-1/B-2/WT/WB Visa holders and the choice to study
- that I was informed about the option to apply for an F-1 visa.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Is it permissible to enroll in school while in B-1/B-2 status?

No, it is not. The regulations, at 8 CFR 214.2(b)(7), specifically prohibit study in the United States while in B-1 or B-2 status.

Before enrolling in classes, individuals who are in B-1 or B-2 status must first acquire F-1 (academic student) or M-1 (vocational student) status. Enrolling in classes while in B-1/B-2 status will result in a status violation. Individuals in B-1 or B-2 status, who have violated their nonimmigrant status by enrolling in classes, are not eligible to extend their B status or change to F-1 or M-1 status. These regulations provide no exceptions.

USCIS Regulation 8 CFR 214.2(b)(7) Enrollment in a course of study prohibited. An alien who is admitted as, or changes status to, a B-1 or B-2 nonimmigrant on or after April 12, 2002, or who files a request to extend the period of authorized stay in B-1 or B-2 nonimmigrant status on or after such date, violates the conditions of his or her B-1 or B-2 status if the alien enrolls in a course of study. Such an alien who desires to enroll in a course of study must either obtain an F-1 or M-1 nonimmigrant visa from a consular officer abroad and seek readmission to the United States, or apply for and obtain a change of status under section [248](#) of the Act and 8 CFR part [248](#). The alien may not enroll in the course of study until the Service has admitted the alien as an F-1 or M-1 nonimmigrant or has approved the alien's application under part [248](#) of this chapter and changed the alien's status to that of an F-1 or M-1 nonimmigrant. (Added 4/12/02; [67 FR 18062](#))

Website address:

<https://www.uscis.gov/>

Regulations for B-1/B-2 visas do allow for short recreational courses that are not for credit or a degree (for example, a two-day cooking course while on vacation.) However, do not confuse these with a full course of study in an intensive English program.

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https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html?gad_source=1&gbraid=0AAAAAqbBk5vQBLIPRb7GI1--fkTiT5C9K&gclid=CjwKCAjwn6LABhBSEiwAsNJrjoBaNQ7BSQhynzlnYL2yGKqr-C0AWnXvz5v4r-AltLOqs2dJJYnsLxoCIWAQAvD_BwE

May I study in the United States if I am from a Visa Waiver Country?

If you are a citizen of one of 36 countries around the world that participates in the [Visa Waiver Program](#) through the [Homepage | Study in the States](#), you may enter the United States without a visa, but only under certain conditions:

- For 90 days or fewer
- For “business, tourism, visiting or pleasure”
- After meeting specific requirements

If you want to study in the United States, however, you are just like a citizen from any other country. You must apply for an [Student Visa](#) after receiving acceptance to a [Student and Exchange Visitor Program | ICE](#)

For more information contact your local U.S. embassy or consulate or an [EducationUSA](#) advising center.

Read more on the Department of State’s [U.S. Department of State – Home](#) to find out which countries participate in the Visa Waiver Program.

Website:

[Homepage | Study in the States](#)

How can I obtain F-1 status?

If you currently hold B-1 or B-2 nonimmigrant status and would like to enroll in classes, you may apply for a change of status to F-1, as appropriate, if:

- You have not yet enrolled in classes
- Your current status has not expired
- You have not engaged in unauthorized employment

To change your nonimmigrant status from B-1/B-2 to F-1, you must file an application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status (Form I-539), and include the required fee and documents listed in the filing instructions.

Please Note:

- If you enroll in classes before USCIS approves your Form I-539, you will be ineligible to change your nonimmigrant status from B to F.
- If you are applying to extend your B-1/B-2 stay and you have already enrolled in classes, USCIS cannot approve your B-1/B-2 extension because of the status violation.

What if I am not eligible?

If you are not eligible to change your nonimmigrant status to F-1, you may apply for an F-1 visa at a consular post abroad. For information about consular processing, please visit the Department of State's website at [U.S. Visas](https://travel.state.gov). For information about the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), please visit the SEVP website at: [ICE | U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement](https://ice.dhs.gov/sevp).

We encourage all students and prospective students to work closely with their designated school official (DSO) to coordinate the timing of applying for change of status and enrolling in classes.

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