



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM
OUT OF STATUS OPTIONS (COMPARISON)

WLAC International Student Program may consider readmitting WLAC students that were terminated in the previous semester for minor SEVIS violations. Out of status students are required to schedule an appointment with the International Student Program to discuss readmission options. The following is a summary of the international student requirements and guidelines to return to ACTIVE status.

	INITIAL I-20 REQUIREMENTS	REINSTATEMENT REQUIREMENTS
Readmission may be considered for students	• With no prior SEVIS violations (i.e. terminations at WLAC) • Completed a minimum of 9 units at WLAC in most recent semester	
WLAC requires	• Enrollment in 12 or more units in next required term • New financial documents dated within 2 months • Recent copy of Comprehensive Student Education Plan • Copy of F1 visa and passport	
United States Customs Immigration Services (USCIS) requires	▪ Obtain Initial I-20 from WLAC ▪ Pay I-901 fee for new, Initial I-20 (www.fmjfee.com) ▪ Temporarily depart the U.S. ▪ Re-enter the U.S. within 30 days of program start date ▪ Obtain new I-94 at Port of Entry	Mail completed Form I-539 (<i>Application to Change/Extend Nonimmigrant Visa</i>) and include: ▪ Form I-20 ▪ Form I-94 ▪ Copy of visa ▪ Copy of passport ▪ Financial documents showing how you will afford ▪ Form I-539 Filing Fee (to U.S. Department of Homeland Security) ▪ Evidence that SEVIS violation was <u>beyond your control</u> Note: You may not depart the U.S. for any reason while Form I-539 is pending. Exiting the U.S. will cancel the reinstatement petition
Associated Risks	• May be declined reentry to U.S. ▪ Loss of I-901 payment	• Reinstatement may be declined. ▪ Must immediately depart U.S. ▪ Must immediately drop classes (results in W or substandard grade) ▪ Must pay fees for classes you will not complete



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	WLAC's INITIAL I-20 PROCESS	WLAC's REINSTATEMENT PROCESS
STEP 1	Obtain new initial I-20 from International Student Program	Request appointment REINSTATEMENT by emailing studentvisa@wla.edu .
STEP 2	Pay I-901 fee (www.fmjfee.com)	Review Form I-539 Instructions and gather the following documents ▪ Copy of Form I-94 ▪ Copy of visa ▪ Copy of passport ▪ Financial documents demonstrating ability to afford your studies & living expenses. ▪ Check or Money Order for the current filing fee made to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security" ▪ Evidence that SEVIS violation was beyond your control
STEP 3	Depart the U.S. temporarily	Meet with WLAC's International Student advisor and present documents referenced above. If approved, the advisor will issue an I-20 for purposes of reinstatement and will assist you prepare Form I-539.
STEP 4	Re-enter the U.S. through a port of entry (i.e. airport, border crossing). It is recommended you prepare to provide the following at port of entry: • F1 visa • Passport • Initial I-20 • I-901 payment confirmation • Evidence of enrollment in next semester	Mail Form I-539 and supporting documents in an envelope addressed to current Service Lockbox Filing Locations . We recommend you also review the " Form Filing Tips ." You must mail the documents within 30 days of I-20 issue date. It is recommended that you mail the documents and request a TRACKING #. You can expect the following letter responses: Receipt of application, followed by Request for Evidence (RFE)*, and finally Approval/Decline letter. *Take whatever actions required in the RFE. Failure to reply may result in immediate DECLINE of your application.
STEP 5	Pay and obtain new I-94 at port of entry	If your reinstatement is APPROVED, your terminated I-20 is returned to ACTIVE status. You may continue your studies as long as you maintain status. If your reinstatement is DECLINED, you must immediately depart the U.S. You are subject to "W's or substandard grades in your classes and any outstanding tuition fees.