

Fall 2024

Grad Immigration

Essentials

Part 1

Syracuse University
Center for International Services

International Student Population at SU

2023-2024

- Total Student Enrollment: 22,948
- Total International Students: 4,163

- Undergraduate Student Enrollment: 15,739
- International Undergraduate Students: 1,784

- Graduate & Law Student Enrollment: 7,209
- International Graduate Students: 2,379

In 2023/2024

CPT Applications Processed: 609/239-less

OPT Applications Processed: 728/788-more

STEM OPT Applications Processed: 195/221-more



Center for International Services

310 Walnut Place

- corner of Walnut Place and Waverly Avenue
- across the street from Bird Library and Schine Student Center

Hours:

- Monday-Friday
- 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Summer: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Phone: 315-443-2457

Email: international@syr.edu

Website:

<https://experience.syracuse.edu/international>



Center for International Services Continued

Advisor on Call:

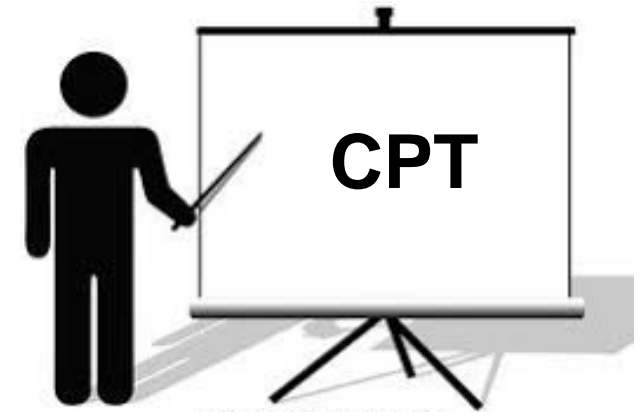
- Monday-Friday, 11 am-3 pm

In person, By Phone, via Zoom, Teams, or Skype

Informational Seminars:

- Curricular and Optional Practical Training
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 2nd Friday every month

Newsletter –every other week



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Welcome!

The Center for International Services is the resource for international students, scholars and their dependents on issues related to immigration status, employment, cultural, social and academic concerns which impact your success at Syracuse University.

- Programs**
Be involved and make the most of your experience!
- Forms**
Explore helpful forms.
- Pre-Arrival**
Discover requirements, resources and more.
- Practical Training Seminars and Processing Schedules**
Check the schedule!
- Living in Syracuse**
We're excited for you to join the Orange community!

<https://experience.syracuse.edu/international/>

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Requests will be done in MySlice

Directory - People



Travel & Expense Center



DataInsights



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Conflict of Interest Survey



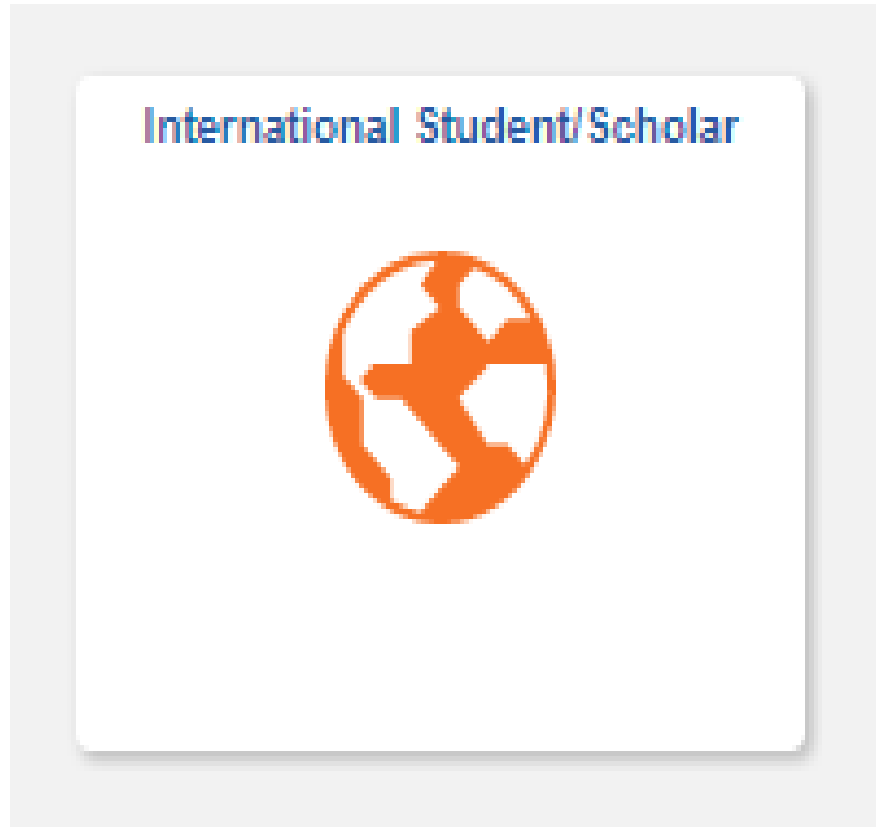
International Student/Scholar



Through My Slice



Use the My Slice ISSS tile for most requests



1 Welcome to the International Student and Scholar Portal! — 2 Personal & Program — 3 Student Request Center

Through this portal you will be able to submit requests for immigration benefits and access documents related to your immigration status. You will need to refer to the [Center for International Services website](#) for detailed information. Immigration related information is located under the immigration status tab.

To make a request for immigration benefits, click on the “Student Request Center” above and follow all instructions. Please allow at least 3-5 business days for processing of requests submitted through this portal. After submitting a request you may check on the status of that request in your Student Request Center. You may find the following statuses:

- **PENDING:** You have started a request but it has not been submitted to the Center for International Services.
- **SUBMITTED:** Your request has been submitted for review.
- **CLARIFICATION REQUESTED:** You need to make corrections to your request based on advisor remarks. You will need to re-submit your request.
- **IN REVIEW:** Needs approval from your academic advisor or instructor.
- **APPROVED:** Your request has been processed and further instructions will be provided.
- **COMPLETED:** Your request has been completed and if a new I-20 has been created, it is available under the

Center for International Services Check-In

Check-In



The Center for International Services looks forward to welcoming you on campus! Please complete the International Student Check-in Process by following these instructions. If you have any questions, please [email the Center for International Services](#) or call [315.443.2457](tel:315.443.2457).

Be sure that you have:

Activated your NetID and Password: Available on the top right of your admission notification, [please use your SUID number to activate your NetID and password today!](#)

After Arriving in the U.S.

CHECK-IN:

- + Step 1: Save electronic copies of your immigration documents
- + Step 2: Update MySlice Personal Profile Information
- + Step 3: Complete the Check-In Request in MySlice
- + Step 4: Attend an Immigration Overview Session



More from this Section

- [Pre-Arrival](#)
- [Airport Transportation](#)
- [Orientation](#)

Messages

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What can we help you with? Type a keyword to search 




Student Request Center

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What can we help you with? 



Curricular Practical Training
(CPT) Request



Dependent Request



Optional Practical Training
(OPT) Request

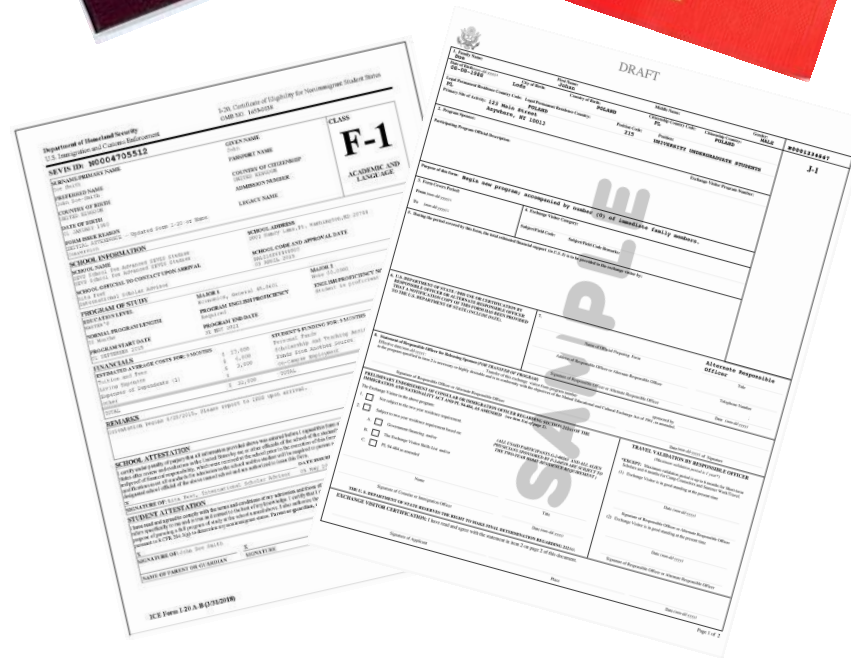


Transfer Out Request



Travel Signature Request
(Current Students)

Tour of Documents



Are you an F or are you

- **F** = the default visa for students
- **J** = an Exchange Visitor
 - many categories, not just student
 - have to qualify by participating in an exchange, be selected, receive government funding

The screenshot shows the BridgeUSA website interface. At the top, there is a search bar for 'Search Exchange Visitor Program' and a 'Route J1' button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with options: VISA BASICS, PROGRAMS, PARTICIPANTS, PROGRAM SPONSORS, and HOSTS. The 'PROGRAMS' section is active, displaying a heading 'Programs' and a descriptive paragraph about the J-1 Visa. Below this, there is a list of program categories. The 'College and University Student' category is circled in blue. To the right of the program list, there are sections for 'Common Questions' and 'Application Resources', including a 'Find a program sponsor' dropdown menu.

BridgeUSA
Connecting global leaders, creating lasting impact

Search Exchange Visitor Program →
Route J1

VISA BASICS PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS PROGRAM SPONSORS HOSTS

Programs

The J-1 Visa provides countless opportunities for international candidates looking to travel and gain experience in the United States. The multifaceted programs enable foreign nationals to come to the U.S. to teach, study, conduct research, demonstrate special skills or receive on the job training for periods ranging from a few weeks to several years.

Programs

View [program requirements comparison chart](#) to see which program is right for you.

Au Pair	Research Scholar
Camp Counselor	Secondary School Student
College and University Student	Short-Term Scholar
Government Visitor	Specialist
Intern-Program	STEM Initiatives
International Visitor	Summer Work Travel
Physician	Teacher
Professor	Trainee

Common Questions

Application Resources

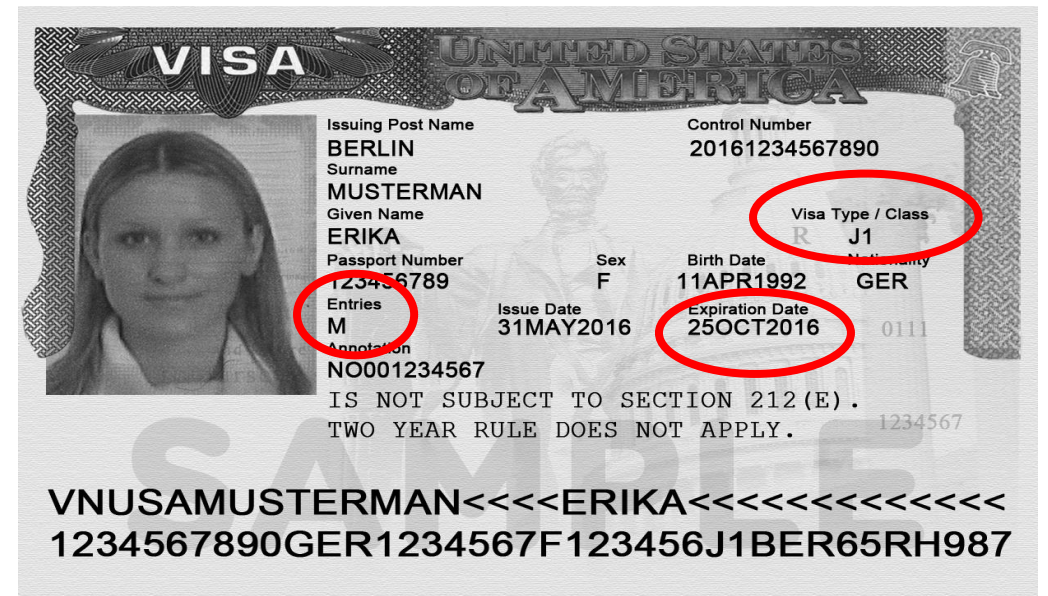
Find a program sponsor

Select a program ▾

About the DS-2019 form ›
Explore programs ›

Visa

- Know expiration date and Number of entries
- Needs to be valid when entering the U.S.
- Number of entries and length determined by diplomatic agreements
- Usually annotated with SEVIS Number
- Usually annotated with school Name
- Can only be renewed at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate-all located outside the U.S.
- Visa cannot be renewed inside the U.S.
- Can expire while in the U.S.



Two Year Home Residency Requirement

If you are subject to the Two Year Home Residency Requirement:

- cannot change status within the U.S.
- are not eligible for an H, K or L visa
- are not eligible for permanent residence in the U.S.

UNTIL you have been physically present in your home country for two years

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AND CERTIFICATION BY THE ALIEN BENEFICIARY NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM:

Read this page and sign the Exchange Visitor Certification block on the bottom of page 1 and prior to presentation to a United States Consular or Immigration Official.

1. I understand that the following conditions are applicable to exchange visitors:

(a) **TWO-YEAR HOME-COUNTRY PHYSICAL PRESENCE REQUIREMENT (SECTION 212(e) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-404, AS AMENDED):**

RULE: Exchange visitors whose programs are financed in whole or in part, directly or indirectly by either their government or by the U.S. Government, are required to reside in their home-country for 2 years following completion of their program before they are eligible for immigrant status, temporary worker (H) status, or intracompany transferee (L) status. Likewise, if exchange visitors are acquiring a skill that is in short supply in their home country (those skills appear on the "Exchange Visitor Skills List") they will be subject to the same two-year home-country residence requirement. The requirement also is applicable to alien physicians entering the United States to receive graduate medical education or training. The U.S. Department of State reserves the right to make the final determination regarding 212(e).

NOTE: MARRIAGE TO A U.S. CITIZEN OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT, OR BIRTH OF A CHILD IN THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT REMOVE THIS REQUIREMENT.

Travel

- Need a valid passport
- F-1/J-1 Visa needs to be valid to enter the U.S.
 - **Exception:**
 - Returning to the U.S. after a trip to Canada, Mexico, or the adjacent islands
 - Trip of less than 30 days
 - Trip solely to Canada, Mexico, or the adjacent islands
 - Cannot apply for U.S. Visa while there
 - Not a citizen of Iran, Syria, Sudan, or North Korea
 - But need to determine if you need a vis to travel to those countries



I-20

- Issued by Syracuse University
- Biographic Information about you
- Degree Level
- Program of Study
- Program Start and End Date
- Financial Information

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: N0004705512

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Doe Smith		GIVEN NAME John	CLASS F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME John Doe-Smith		PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH UNITED KINGDOM		COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP UNITED KINGDOM	
DATE OF BIRTH 01 JANUARY 1980		ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM ISSUE REASON INITIAL ATTENDANCE		LEGACY NAME John Doe-Smith	

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	SCHOOL ADDRESS 9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Helene Robertson PDSO	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE BAL214F4444000 03 APRIL 2015

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL DOCTORATE	MAJOR 1 Economics, General 45.0601	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 72 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient
PROGRAM START DATE 01 SEPTEMBER 2015	PROGRAM END DATE 31 MAY 2021	

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 23,000	Personal Funds	\$ 3,000
Living Expenses	\$ 6,000	Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship	\$ 29,000
Expenses of Dependents (1)	\$ 3,000	Funds From Another Source	\$
Other	\$	On-Campus Employment	\$
TOTAL	\$ 32,000	TOTAL	\$ 32,000

REMARKS

Orientation begins 8/25/2015. Please report to ISSS upon arrival.

SCHOOL ATTESTATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DATE ISSUED 21 April 2015	PLACE ISSUED Ft. Washington, MD
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STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SIGNATURE OF: John Doe Smith	DATE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SIGNATURE	DATE	
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)	DATE

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I-20 - Page 2

- Employment Authorizations-should be blank, only used for off-campus employment authorization
- Travel Endorsement-needed to re-enter the U.S.
 - Travel Signatures-valid for one year/12 months
 - Advisor on Call, Monday – Friday, 11 am – 3 pm
 - Through MySlice ISSS Portal
 - Express Travel Signatures

SEVIS ID: N0004705512 (F-1)		NAME: John Doe Smith		
EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION				
EMPLOYMENT STATUS	TYPE			
EMPLOYMENT START DATE	EMPLOYMENT END DATE			
EMPLOYER NAME	EMPLOYER LOCATION			
COMMENTS				
CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION				
REQUESTED VISA TYPE	REQUEST/PETITION STATUS	RECEIPT NUMBER	BENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE	
EVENT HISTORY				
EVENT NAME		EVENT DATE		
OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS				
AUTHORIZATION	START DATE	END DATE		
TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT				
<small>This page when properly endorsed, may be used for reentry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each certification signature is valid for one year.</small>				
SCHOOL OFFICIAL	TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
Ann Dievendorf	International Student Advisor	<i>Ann Dievendorf</i>	07/30/2021	Syracuse, NY
		X		
		X		
		X		

Express Travel Signatures
September 30-October 4
9 am-4 pm
310 Walnut Place

Travel Endorsement

- Travel Signatures-needed to re-enter the U.S.
 - valid for one year/12 months
- J students sponsored by other than Syracuse University must obtain travel signatures from their J Sponsor-IIE, LASPAU Amideast, etc.

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DRAFT

1. Family Name: Doe		First Name: Johan		Middle Name:		Gender: MALE		W0001234567	
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): 08-08-1988		City of Birth: Lodz		Country of Birth: POLAND		Citizenship Country Code: PL		Citizenship Country: POLAND	
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: PL		Legal Permanent Residence Country: POLAND		Position Code: 215		Position: UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS			
Primary Site of Activity: 123 Main Street Anywhere, NY 10013									
2. Program Sponsor:					Exchange Visitor Program Number:				
Participating Program Official Description:									
Purpose of this form: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.									
3. Form Covers Period:					4. Exchange Visitor Category:				
From (mm-dd-yyyy):					Subject/Field Code: Subject/Field Code Remarks:				
To (mm-dd-yyyy):									
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S.\$) is to be provided to the exchange visitor by:									
6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE /THIS USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE DATE).							7. Alternate Responsible Officer		
							Name of Official Preparing Form		
							Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer		
							Telephone Number		
							Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer		
							Date (mm-dd-yyyy)		
8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM) Effective date (mm-dd-yyyy): Transfer of this exchange visitor from program number sponsored by to the program specified in item 2 is necessary or highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended.									
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer									
PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 212(c) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-484, AS AMENDED (see item 1(a) of page 2).									
The Exchange Visitor in the above program:									
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Not subject to the two-year residence requirement.									
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to two-year residence requirement based on:									
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Government financing and/or									
B. <input type="checkbox"/> The Exchange Visitor Skills List and/or									
C. <input type="checkbox"/> PL 94-484 as amended									
(ALL USAID PARTICIPANTS G-2-00263 AND ALL ALIEN PHYSICIANS SPONSORED BY P-3-04510 ARE SUBJECT TO THE TWO-YEAR HOME RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT)									
Name					Title				
Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer					Date (mm-dd-yyyy)				
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 212(c).									
EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document									
Signature of Applicant					Place				
					Date (mm-dd-yyyy)				

TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
(Maximum validation period is 1 year*)

*EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work/Travel.

(1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time

07/30/2021

Date (mm-dd-yyyy)

Anu Dierndorf

Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer

(2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time

Date (mm-dd-yyyy)

Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer

I-94 Arrival Record/Travel Hi

For:

- www.cbp.gov/I-94
- Updated every time you travel out of the U.S. and enter
- Check every time to be sure you were admitted to the US in F-1/J-1 status and for D/S
- D/S = Duration of Status
 - F-1 = Program End Date + 60 day grace period
 - J-1 = Program End Date + 30 day grace period

The screenshot displays the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website interface. At the top, the header reads "U.S. Customs and Border Protection" with the tagline "Securing America's Borders". Below this, the section "Most Recent I-94" is visible. The record details are as follows:

- Admission (I-94) Record Number : 013126109A4
- Most Recent Date of Entry : 2024 June 13
- Class of Admission : F1** (circled in red)
- Admit Until Date : D/S

Below these details, it states "Details provided on the I-94 information form:" and lists the following information:

- Last/Surname :
- First (Given) Name :
- Birth Date : 2006 August 08
- Document Number : AK366
- Country of Citizenship : Canada

A "Get Travel History" button is located below the personal information. At the bottom of the page, there are several informational notes and links:

- ▶ Effective April 20, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(d).
- ▶ If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional required documents requested by that employer or agency.
- ▶ Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.

Additional links include "For inquiries or questions regarding your I-94, please click here", "Accessibility | Privacy Policy", and "FOIA - 3678".