Early Departure and Reentry
Important Steps for International Students

Early Departure Procedure
If you will leave your academic program prior to completion, you will need to do the following:

☐ Step One: Complete the ISS Departure Form which can be found on the ISS Online Documents page or in the ISS lobby. Drop off the completed form at the ISS front desk or submit it electronically to iss@purdue.edu

☐ Step Two: You must depart the United States within 15 days of submitting your Departure Form. Since you did not complete your academic program, you no longer have a 60-day grace period.

☐ Step Three: Understand that your F-1 status will end. You will not be able to reenter the United States on your current I-20 from Purdue.

Reentry Procedure
If you decide to return to Purdue at a later point in time, you will need to do the following:

☐ Step One: Four to five months before you plan on returning to Purdue, contact Mr. Allen Hubbell, Immigration Counselor, at the following email address: hubbell@purdue.edu. Mr. Hubbell will advise you on how to apply for reentry. Please Note: If you do not contact Mr. Hubbell in a timely manner, you may not be able to return to Purdue as planned.

☐ Step Two: Once you have been readmitted to Purdue and submitted all required documentation, you will receive a new I-20.

☐ Step Three: Since your new I-20 will have a SEVIS ID that differs from your current I-20’s SEVIS ID, you will have to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee of $200 again. You must wait until you have received this new I-20; then, you can pay the fee online via this website: www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/

☐ Step Four: If you have been outside of the United States for more than five months (calculated from the date you left the United States to your intended date of reentry, you will have to apply for a new F-1 visa. Even if your current F-1 visa has not expired, you will still have to apply for a new visa. There are no exceptions.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The ISS Office does NOT know that you plan on returning to Purdue until you contact us. It is your responsibility to notify the ISS Office of your intentions, as well as to follow through on all required paperwork.