Your I-20 or DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility Endorsement for Travel:

Your I-20 or DS-2019 document has been endorsed for you to travel. The endorsement is valid for a one year period from the date that it has been signed or until the expiration date of your I-20 or DS-2019, whichever comes first. The expiration date is given on item #3 of the DS-2019 and on the Program of Study section of the I-20.

Following are EXCEPTIONS to this one-year endorsement:

- On the date that you complete your degree or program, the endorsement is no longer valid. This will be the date of graduation.
- A new travel endorsement must be obtained for F-1 students on Optional Practical Training (OPT), and J-1 students on Academic Training (AT) after application approval. OPT travel endorsements are only valid for six months.
- If the visa stamp in your passport has expired, you will need to renew your visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad.
- If you are academically dropped, suspended, or expelled from the university, the endorsement on your I-20 or DS-2019 document is no longer valid. It is imperative that you talk with an immigration counselor in ISS concerning your nonimmigrant status. If one of these situations applies to you and you travel outside of the US, you should not use the endorsed I-20 or DS-2019 document to re-enter the U.S.
- If you are out of the U.S. for over 5 months, please consult with an immigration counselor. Please notify ISS of such prolonged absences so we may give you the best advice for future re-entry into the U.S.

Please realize that although this office is committed to doing its best to assist you, it is your responsibility to maintain your nonimmigrant status at all times and to comply with University academic policies/procedures:

- F-1 students http://www.iss.purdue.edu/Current/F1/MaintainingLegalStatus.cfm
- J-1 Students http://www.iss.purdue.edu/Current/J1/MaintainingLegalStatus.cfm

Purdue University expects students to return to campus by the first day of class each semester. If for unforeseen reasons you will be late returning to campus, you must have permission from your professors first and inform ISS of late arrival.

Traveling to Canada, Mexico. Or the Caribbean:

Auto revalidation of visa: If you travel for less than 30 days to Canada, Mexico, or adjacent islands you may re-enter the U.S. with your current expired or valid non-immigrant F or J visa in your passport. If your F-1 or J-1 visa has expired, in order to re-enter the U.S. you need proper documentation: valid passport, an endorsed I-20 or DS-2019, and a valid I-94 (only if you have the paper I-94 card).

Please note that there are EXCEPTIONS:

- Auto revalidation is cancelled if you choose to apply for a U.S. visa at the U.S. consulate/embassy in one of these countries.
- Citizens of Iran, Sudan and Syria are not eligible for automatic revalidation when traveling to Canada, Mexico, or adjacent islands. Citizens from these countries must have a valid visa before they may re-enter the U.S.
- If you remain in Canada or Mexico or adjacent islands for 30 days or longer, you must obtain a re-entry visa at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Your application for a re-entry visa may be the lowest priority and may be denied.

Note: Your I-94 number remains the same when doing auto revalidation. You do not obtain a new I-94 number.
ATTENTION ALL VISA RENEWAL APPLICANTS:

Before traveling, you may wish to review the specific instructions and procedures of the U.S. consulate or embassy where you will be applying for your visa. See the following website for links to all U.S. consulates and embassies worldwide; http://travel.state.gov

General Information on the Documents needed for a visa application

- Original form I-20 or DS-2019, endorsed for travel and signed by ISS
- Valid passport
- Proof of financial support:
  - Personal funding statement or bank statement from the sponsor
  - Graduate student with assistantship: Letter from Dept. indicating dates of employment and salary
- Evidence showing your intention to return to your home country upon program completion, including evidence of compelling ties to your home country
- Certificate of Enrollment (Order online from your myPurdue account)
- Official university transcripts (Order online from your myPurdue account)
- Some consulates/embassies may require standard U.S. passport sized photographs
- If dependents are accompanying you, have a certified copy of your marriage certificate as well as birth certificates for children
- If on OPT, have employer’s letter and EAD card
- If on AT, have your employer’s letter confirming salary

Note: These are basic guidelines, not a guarantee that a visa will be issued. Final decision to issue a visa rests with the consular officer. According to guidance from Department of State on November 9th, 2010, a Letter of Good Standing is no longer needed due to embassy access to the SEVIS system.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ISS

- Keep copies of all documents issued to you (I-20, DS-2019, I-94(s), visas and passport) in a safe place.
- Give up your current I-94 (if you have the paper I-94) upon departure from the U.S. (unless you are traveling on auto revalidation to Canada or Mexico, see reverse side of this form)
- Check your new electronic I-94 record by going to www.cbp.gov/i94 after you have returned to the U.S. (Those entering U.S. by land borders will still be given an I-94 card that should be stapled into the passport).
- Print your electronic I-94 record BEFORE going on a cruise.
- Give copies of all new documents to ISS (including new U.S. visas and renewed passport).
- Carry original proof of financial support documents when re-entering the U.S. This may be required for entry.

NOTE: You may need a visa to enter the country to which you are traveling. If you are flying through another country, you may need a transit visa. Please check with the embassy/consulate for the countries you will visit for information about entry/transit visas.

ARREST OR CONVICTION FOR CRIMES RELATED TO SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE MAY RESULT IN REVOCAION OF VISA

If you are currently in the United States and your visa is revoked due to DUI, DWI, or other similar related criminal charges, your F-1 or J-1 status remains valid as long as you comply with all other visa regulations. The revocation of your visa does not override your legal F-1 or J-1 status granted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) at the time of last entry to the United States (Check your I-94 record). However your visa will no longer be valid for future re-entry to the United States. (Source: Immigration and Nationality Act: 212(a)(1)(A)(iii))

Students who have been charged with DUI, DWI, or similar related criminal charges are advised to consider carefully their need to travel outside the United States.

Indiana Drunk Driving Law: The Indiana Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) is 0.08%
(Source: http://www.in.gov/isd/t/2340.htm)