

Changing your Visa Status in the US.

You can change your visa status in the US if you meet the following conditions:

- You were lawfully admitted to the United States with a nonimmigrant visa
- Your nonimmigrant status remains valid
- You have not violated the conditions of your status
- You have not committed any crimes that would make you ineligible

Once you have been accepted into an Academic Program at NYIT and you are changing your Visa Status in the US, you must start the Change of Status process at least 4 to 5 month before the start of the next academic semester. A Change of Status I-20 is required to start the process. You must submit the following documents listed below in order to receive the Change of Status I-20:

1. Notarized Affidavit of Support Form
2. Official Bank Statement
3. Copy of Passport, Visa and I-94 card
4. Current US address, Home country Address, telephone number and email address

Once your documents are reviewed and if you meet the requirements, the Change of Visa I-20 will be issued to you. You will use this to file with immigration for the Change of Visa Status. Please note the decision to grant Change of Status is solely made by US immigration.

- Please note that your current visa status will determine whether you can study at NYIT while your Change of Status is pending. You can check your eligibility here:
<https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/Nonimmigrant%20Class%20Who%20Can%20Study.pdf>
- Once you file your Change of Visa application with immigration, you MUST maintain your current visa status until a decision is made by immigration.
- It is highly recommended to check USCIS website for the most current length of time to process Change of Visa Status in the US before beginning the process.
- If your Change of Status request is approved, your status inside the US will be F1. However, if you wish to travel outside the US and return under the same F1 status you will have to obtain a new F1 visa from a US Embassy in order to reenter the country.