



Did you depart from the U.S. without getting your I-20 or DS-2019 signed?

Follow these three steps in order to obtain what you need to return to the U.S.

Step One – Check Your Documents

Review your I-20 or DS-2019. The travel signature on page 3 of your most recent I-20 or on the right lower side of your DS-2019 is valid for 12 months. You may still have a valid signature. If you do not, continue to steps two and three. If your signature is still valid, the OISS recommends you also review the travel workshop, as discussed in step two.

(For students on post-completion Optional Practical Training, the travel signature is only valid for six months.)

Step Two – Attend the On-Line Workshop

Review the on-line travel workshop to confirm what you need to re-enter the U.S. at www.nyu.edu/oiss/documents/TravelWorkshop/index.html. Per the workshop guidance, you should carry a copy of your financial information and enrollment information upon re-entry to the U.S. You may secure evidence of your semester registration through the Albert system.

Step Three – Action to Take if You do NOT have a Travel Signature Returning before January 13?

The OISS and other NYU offices close for the winter break from December 23 at 4:00 p.m. until January 4 at 9:00 a.m. If you must re-enter the U.S. before January 13, respectfully request that the officer at the port of entry allow you to enter with Form I-515A. This gives you a thirty-day admission as an F-1 or J-1 student, and requires you to report to the OISS within that timeframe to secure the required travel signature.

To qualify for the I-515A form, you must have a valid passport, valid F-1 or J-1 visa, and your I-20 or DS-2019 (the officer may allow you to enter without your I-20 or DS-2019 at his/her discretion).

Returning after January 13?

Request a travel I-20 or DS-2019 be issued to you by contacting intl.students.scholars@nyu.edu.

Be sure to include your name, your NYU ID number, your complete address abroad (where you want your document mailed), your phone number, your credit card type, your name on the card, the card number, and expiration date as well as the date you wish to return to the U.S. The OISS will then generate a new I-20 or DS-2019 document and return it to you via UPS express mail. You will be charged an express mail fee.

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