



## FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# F-1 Visa Requirements

### **New immigration laws and requirements are very restrictive and have several penalties for not maintaining status and can affect the legal status on an F-1 visa**

- I am required to be registered fulltime (minimum 12 credit hours) for (fall and spring semesters).
  - I will successfully work toward degree or completion by maintaining passing grades.
  - I must be in a minimum of 9 credits in the classroom in fall and spring semesters. Additional credits can be taken online, but I must be in a total of at least 12 credits.
  - I understand that I must have the permission of the Designated School Official prior to adding, dropping or withdrawing from a class or risk being out-of-status.
    - There are limited exceptions for being allowed to be below fulltime status such as medical or academic difficulty in your first semester.
- My I-20 form and passport must be valid at all times. If there is any problem with either of these documents, it is my responsibility to notify the Designated School Official immediately.
- Address changes: I am required to complete the INS form AR-11 within 10 days and sent to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security whenever I change my address. The AR-11 can be downloaded from <http://uscis.gov> (put AR-11 in the search). I also need to change my address in eWOLF and notify the Designated School Official within 10 days of any change of address. Contact us at [international@frontrange.edu](mailto:international@frontrange.edu) or 303-678-3635.
- If my contact information changes, I must contact the Designated School Official at [international@frontrange.edu](mailto:international@frontrange.edu) or 303-678-3635 and update my information in eWOLF.
- I am not allowed to work off campus. If I have questions regarding employment, I will meet with the Designated School Official. Please contact us at [international@frontrange.edu](mailto:international@frontrange.edu) or 303-678-3635.
- I am required to have page 2 of my I-20 signed prior to traveling outside of the U.S. The travel signature is valid for one year.
- I am required to have valid comprehensive medical insurance at all times. **Any student that has not provided proof of medical insurance by the first day of the semester will be billed by FRCC for medical insurance for that semester including the summer semester.**
  - I must complete a Medical Insurance Form and make payment with the cashier's office by the first day of each semester **OR** if my medical insurance is not through the college, I must submit documentation of valid insurance dates and information on policy coverage to [international@frontrange.edu](mailto:international@frontrange.edu) Health Insurance must include repatriation coverage.
  - If I will not be staying in the United States during the summer, I need to provide proof that I am leaving the country or I will be billed for medical insurance.
  - If there is any change in my medical insurance, I understand that I must notify the Designated School Official immediately at [international@frontrange.edu](mailto:international@frontrange.edu)
- I am aware that transfer to another institution or a leave of absence must be pre-approved by the Designated School Official.