

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION (ISO)

Statement of Understanding F1 Regulations

*The following are F1 regulations that were explained to you at the orientation. They are reminders to you in maintaining your F1 legal status. Please read each item carefully and **put your initial** as you confirm your understanding.*

My initial below confirms my understanding of the Federal Regulations pertaining to F1 students and I am committed to maintaining my status for the duration of my studies.

_____ I understood the regulations pertaining to F1 students discussed at the ISO today, I am aware that violation of the following will constitute an OUT OF STATUS action.

_____ **Poor Academic Performance:** I understand that if my total GPA is below 3.0 I will be at risk of academic dismissal and I will be out of status. Academic dismissal will mean termination of my SEVIS record.

_____ **Change of Address:** I have an obligation to notify OGE, email asktheregistrar@rivier.edu within 10 days of moving to another US address.

_____ **Change of Major:** I understand that I need to submit an approved request to change major to ISS within 21 days of change to obtain an updated SEVIS I-20.

_____ **Change of Education Level:** I understand that I need to notify OGE/DSO Advisor about a change of education level before the 60 days' grace period after the completion of the prior degree program.

_____ **Employment:** I understand that it is illegal for me to work OFF CAMPUS without proper immigration authorization. For example: Curricular Practical Training (CPT), Optional Practical Training (OPT) and STEM OPT. Failure to observe the regulations will cause termination of my SEVIS record and deportation.

_____ **Online Course:** I understand that only **ONE online course is allowed** for each semester; I also understand that **my last course before program completion SHOULD NOT BE an online course.**

_____ **Full Time Registration:** I understand that I need to be registered full time every semester: 3 courses minimum for graduate students and 4 for undergraduate students. **NOTE: You are authorized to register below full time at your last semester.**

_____ **Reduce Course Load (RCL):** I understand that I must see my ISA if my circumstance calls for a reduce course load. Acceptable reason for authorization (RCL) is medical with documentation.

_____ **SEVIS Registration:** I am responsible to check in with ISA every semester with proof of registration and confirm my physical address, email and phone number. **Failure to do so will constitute out of status.**

_____ **F1 Attendance Policy:** I understand that I must not be absent for class; all absence must be documented and excused to avoid being dismissed.

_____ **Travel:** I understand that I need to get travel authorization from DSO before making travel plans. I understand that I **SHOULD NOT BE PLANNING** travel while school session is ongoing. I also understand that SUMMER is the official vacation for international students.

- Note: Unauthorized departure to home country violates F1 status.

Full Name: _____

(Last Name, First Name) Please print

Signed by: _____

Phone No: _____

Address: _____
