

Keeping Your Status Legal For J-1 Students

A J-1 student at Bryn Mawr College must maintain lawful J-1 status, as failure to do so can have serious long-term consequences. Here are some important steps to ensure your stay in the U.S. remains valid:

- Be aware of the expiration date of status. This is not the visa expiration date; it is the end date in section 3 of the DS-2019 form. Please consult with OIP if you believe you cannot complete your program before the end date on the DS-2019.
- **DO NOT** accept any employment either on or off-campus without prior authorization from OIP
- Follow a full-time prescribed course of study at all times
- If you wish to transfer to another school or institution, consult with OIP to make sure that the required transfer procedure can be accomplished within the required time.
- Comply with United States health insurance requirements for J-1 visa holders and their families. Willful disregard of this requirement will result in termination of your participation in the Bryn Mawr College Exchange program and your J-1 status.
- Keep passport valid at all times
- Report any change in address to OIP within 10 days of the change