

DSOs

The following helps your students with a smooth entry/return to the United States:

- Register students in SEVIS at the beginning of each academic session.
- Check SEVIS regularly to ensure your current student records are in Active status.
- Submit correction requests in SEVIS well before the student plans to travel abroad to correct any errors on student records.
- DSO signs page 2 of Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status," for travel.
- Remind your students to hand-carry their documents when entering the United States.

If your student arrives at the U.S. port of entry without all of their required documents, or with unsigned or missing information, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer may deny the student's entry into the United States. As an alternative, the officer has discretion to issue the student a Form I-515A, "Notice to Student or Exchange Visitor," which allows the student temporary entry into the United States for 30 days.

Refer to the [Handling a Form I-515](#) guide to learn what to do if a student receives a Form I-515A:

<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/handling-form-i515a>.

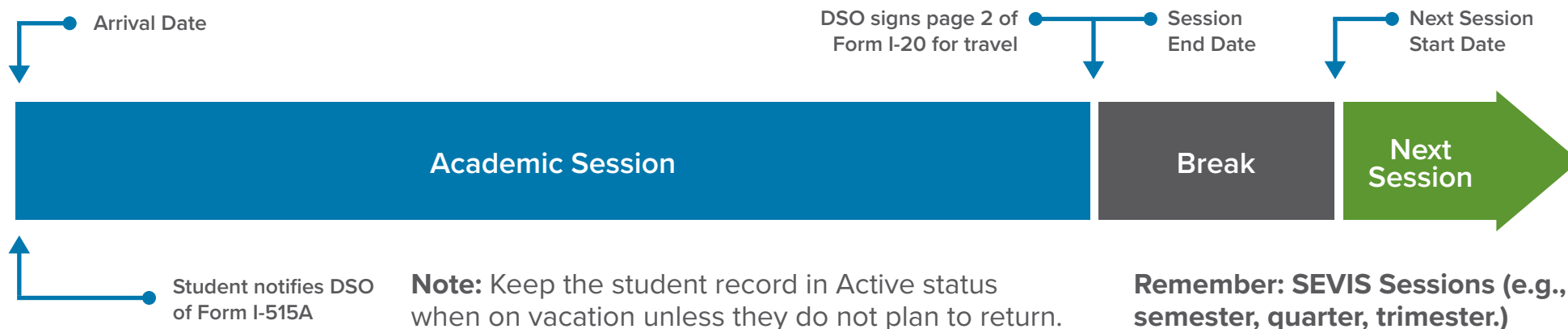
For more detailed information, visit studyinthestates.dhs.gov/515a.

Students

Students must have the following on hand when they enter the United States:

- Valid passport with visa (if required).
- Form I-20 signed on the second page.
- Evidence of financial support.
- Acceptance letter from school.
- Paper receipt of Form I-901, "Notice to Student or Exchange Visitor."
- 24-hour emergency contact information for their DSO.

Students should check with their DSO to see if their SEVIS record is in the correct status before traveling.



If one of your students receives a Form I-515A, it is very important that the student sends the response to SEVP within 30 days. If the response is not sent within 30 days, it will negatively affect the student's status in the United States and the student may be required to depart the United States.