Student Record Status for F-1/M-1 Students in SEVIS

Understanding SEVIS status is key to helping your students have a smoother stay in the United States and properly fulfilling your school’s reporting requirements to DHS.

**Draft**
The record has been newly created and not yet submitted.

- Submit Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status," to set it to Initial status.

**Initial**
The record has been submitted in SEVIS and is ready to be given to the student. The student may be about to enter the United States, is transferring to a new school or is awaiting a change of student status.

- Register student to make the SEVIS record Active.

**Active**
The record has been registered and the student is in status.

- Allow the record to auto-complete 60 days after the program end date.

**Completed**
The student has completed the course of study and any post-completion optional practical training. Following completion, the student is afforded a grace period to depart.

- To terminate the record, click on the Terminate Student link. Choose the correct termination reason. If you have any questions, please contact the SEVP Response Center.

**Canceled**
The SEVIS ID has not been used and will not be used.

**Terminated**
The student’s record is terminated in SEVIS by SEVP or a DSO for a reason other than Program Completion.

*Student may be in the United States as an F-1 or M-1 using this SEVIS ID.

**Student should not be in the United States as an F-1 or M-1 using this ID.

For more detailed information, please see related articles on the SEVIS Help Hub.