



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR STUDENT VISA TRANSFER TO BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

For all students currently in the United States in F-1 status, you have options for changing your F-1 status to BCCC.

If you will travel outside the United States before beginning your academic program at BCCC, you must complete the following steps.

- If the visa in your passport has expired, you will need to apply for a new entry visa at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate. You will need to take your **SEVIS I-20**, a valid passport, and evidence of financial ability in order to obtain a new visa. See Director of International Student Services for more information.
- Present your BCCC SEVIS I-20 to the immigration officer upon re-entry to the United States. The officer should stamp your SEVIS I-20 in the top right corner for re-entry. Keep the "SEVIS I-20 copy" with your previous I-20(s). If your current visa has not expired you can use it to re-enter the United States for study at BCCC. (It does not matter if your unexpired visa is marked with the name of your previous school.) Transfer students must report to the International Student Services Office and have their transfer processed 15 days prior to the start of the semester.

If you will remain in the United States until the beginning of your program at BCCC, you must do the following.

- You must report with the following documents to the International Student Services Office within **15 days prior** to the start of the semester at BCCC in order to maintain your F-1 visa status.
 - 1. Completed International Student Admissions Application packet
 - 2. Current Bank Statement in United States Currency
 - 3. Official Transcripts from previous college(s)
 - 4. Current SEVIS I-20 from previous school(s)
 - 5. Completed Transfer Eligibility Form (attached)
 - 6. Have Foreign Student Advisor from previous college transfer your SEVIS I-20 to BCCC (SEVIS schools only)
 - 7. Your passport and I-94 card

Recruitment, Admissions and Registration Office Liberty Campus, Main Building, Room 02 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215

Note:

You must be in legal F-1 status at your previous institution in order to transfer to BCCC while remaining in the U.S. If you are not currently in legal F-1 status, call the Recruitment, Admissions and Registration Office to make an appointment to discuss your situation. You may be able to apply to USCIS for reinstatement to legal F-1 status, or you may have to travel back home and re-enter the U.S. to regain your status. /drb04/10