

Glossary of Common Immigration Terms For International Students

TERM	MEANING
F-1	Student visa
J-1	Exchange Visitor visa
Relevant J-1 Categories	Student, Specialist, Short-term Scholar, Professor/Research Scholar
I-20	Immigration Form for F-1 students
DS-2019	Immigration Form for J-1 Exchange Visitors
I-765	Employment Authorization Application
I-797C	Receipt for Fee Payment of I-765
SEVIS	Student Exchange Visitor Information System
SEVP	Student Exchange and Visitor Program
EAD	Employment Authorization Document (OPT Card)
DOS	Department of State
DSO	Designated School Official (F1 International Advisor)
RO	Responsible Officer (J1 International Advisor)
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
Within DHS:	
CIS	Citizenship and Immigration Services
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement
CBP	Bureau of Customs and Border Protection
D/S	Duration of Status
NSEERS	National Security Entry-Exit Registration System
OPT	Optional Practical Training – F1
CPT	Curricular Practical Training – F1
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, Math – majors that may qualified for additional 17 months of OPT.