



When you file the I-485 application to adjust your immigration status from non-immigrant to immigrant status, you are considered to be pending permanent residence (PR or I-485 Pending). Once the I-485 is filed, it may take months or years before you receive the adjudication from USCIS (Please consult a licensed immigration attorney). As long as you comply with F-1 visa regulations, your SEVIS record will not be terminated. During the time that you have an I-485 application pending with USCIS, you may choose to maintain your F-1 status or not, as shown in the two options below:

I-485 Pending Option 1: Maintaining F-1 Status

Although maintaining student status is no longer required once you file the immigrant application and receive the I-485 receipt notice (PR pending), there is a practical benefit to maintaining your legal F-1 status in the event that the adjudication result is not approved. If you choose this option, you must continue to maintain your F-1 status by enrolling full-time, working only with the required authorization, and following all other regulations required of those who hold F-1 visas.

I-485 Pending Option 2: Not Maintaining F-1 Status

If you have filed the immigrant application and received the I-485 receipt (PR pending) and you choose NOT to maintain your F-1 status, our office must terminate your SEVIS record. We will not terminate your F-1 status if you are maintaining your status. When we terminate your SEVIS record, you are completely counting on your PR to be approved. You have no backup plan.

NOTE: As soon as you receive your permanent residency card (green card) or have an I-551 stamp in your passport, please email these documents to uia@louisiana.edu and the Registrar’s Office (our@louisiana.edu) so that your immigration status can be updated. Please note that if you are employed by the University, you will also need to provide these documents to humanresources@louisiana.edu.

Please complete the information below:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
ULID: _____ SEVIS ID: N _____
Phone: _____ Email (personal): _____

Option 1: Maintaining F-1 Status: I have filed the I-485 application and I voluntarily choose to comply with the F-1 regulations and maintain my legal F-1 status. This will provide me with a “backup plan” if my PR application or petition fails. I will still be considered as an F-1 student and my SEVIS record will remain ACTIVE. I can switch to Option 2 if I decide to not adhere to the federal immigration regulations for F-1 students.

Option 2: Not Maintaining F-1 Status: I have filed the I-485 application. I choose to abandon my F-1 status and will not continue to follow regulations for F-1 students. I understand that my F-1 record in SEVIS will be terminated for whichever violation of my SEVIS status occurs (*UNAUTHORIZED DROP BELOW FULL COURSE, FAILURE TO ENROLL, OTHERWISE FAILING TO MAINTAIN STATUS* or other applicable reason). I will be coded in Banner as ‘Immigration Applicant (IA)’ and I understand that I may still be charged for health insurance and international student fees.

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____