

UC San Diego

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OFFICE

Suspension: International Students FAQs

1. What does a suspension mean for International students?

Students who are suspended are not eligible for enrollment at UC San Diego during the quarter(s) of their suspension. **This means that if you are on a F-1 or J-1 visa, your visa status will be impacted.** You need to take immediate action to avoid negative impacts to your visa status (see answer to next question).

2. Who can help me with my visa status?

To understand how your suspension will impact your visa status, meet with an advisor at the International Students and Program Office (ISPO) as soon as possible. Each student's timeline may vary. (as soon as you learn you are facing a suspension, even if the suspension isn't finalized.) Once the suspension goes into effect, you have a short amount of time to take action, so do your best to prepare. For more information regarding how suspensions may impact visa status, visit <https://ispo.ucsd.edu/advising/visa/current-returning-students/visa-status/maintaining-status/suspension-academic-disqualification.html>.

3. How do I contact an advisor at the International Students and Programs Office (ISPO)?

You can contact an advisor at ISPO by viewing ISPO's contact page at <https://iContact.ucsd.edu>.

4. As an international student, what options do I have if I am suspended?

Navigating your visa status can be complicated. Meet with an advisor at the International Students and Program Office (ISPO) as soon as possible to work through your options and make a plan that is best for you. Generally, international students maintaining a valid visa status in the U.S. may be eligible to remain in the U.S. and transfer their SEVIS record out or choose to depart the U.S. during the term(s) of suspension. Before you meet with an advisor, learn more about these general options by visiting the ISPO website: <https://ispo.ucsd.edu/advising/visa/current-returning-students/visa-status/maintaining-status/suspension-academic-disqualification.html>.

5. If I leave the United States during my suspension, how do I return to school?

You should contact the International Students and Programs Office to make arrangements for your return. See additional information here:

<https://ispo.ucsd.edu/advising/visa/current-returning-students/visa-status/returning-ucsd/return-from-leave-more-than-5.html#STEP-3:-SUBMIT-YOUR-REQUEST-FOR>

6. If I transfer my SEVIS record to another institution, how do I return to UC San Diego?

You will need to work with the International Students and Programs Office (ISPO) at UC San Diego as well as the International Student Advisor at your current institution to make arrangements for your return. See additional information

here: <https://ispo.ucsd.edu/advising/visa/current-returning-students/visa-status/returning-ucsd/transfer-back-sevis-record.html#Request-an-I-20-or-DS-2019-from>