

Advice for international students who attended the Art Institute of Seattle

For students with an F-1 Visa

According to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE):

- Students should have 60 days after March 8, 2019 to transfer to another school. The school must be a [Student and Exchange Visitor Program \(SEVP\)-certified school or program](#).
- Once the student transfers to a new school, the school's international student officer (called a Designated School Official or DSO) should request a manual transfer of the student's SEVIS record. SEVIS stands for the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System. The DSO can request a manual transfer by contacting the SEVIS Response Center (703-603-3400 or SEVP@ice.dhs.gov) with the student's SEVIS ID number.
- For more information, contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) at 703-603-3400 or sevp@ice.dhs.gov. If emailing, include the student's name, SEVIS ID number, and a detailed question.

For students and graduates with questions about Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Students who were planning to apply for OPT:

Students must transfer to a [SEVP-certified school or program](#) where they can apply for OPT.

Students with a pending OPT application:

Students must leave the US or transfer to a [SEVP-certified school or program](#) where they can re-apply for OPT. They must also call US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) at 800-375-5283 to withdraw their OPT petition.

Students with OPT

Once AI Seattle is completely withdrawn from SEVIS (date unknown), the student's OPT ends. The student must stop working or will risk working without authorization. Students should have 60 days to leave the US or transfer to a [SEVP-certified school or program](#) where they can re-apply for OPT.

International student tuition

Washington's public colleges and universities may charge different tuition rates, depending on a student's residency. International students typically pay nonresident tuition and fees. See [WSAC's residency](#) page for more information. Private colleges and universities typically charge the same tuition rate regardless of residency status.