




SEVIS Closure (Authorized Early Withdrawal)

What is SEVIS Closure?

It is a voluntary and positive termination of your SEVIS record. By giving International Student & Scholar Services authorization to go into your SEVIS record and to close your SEVIS record, you are self-reporting to the U.S. government that you plan to return home for extended period of time.

How should I close my SEVIS record?

To submit your SEVIS closure request, please complete a "SEVIS CLOSURE" E-Form using the iStart link  found at www.ic.utah.edu. You will receive an approval email once your request has been processed, however you will *not* receive a new I-20.

When would I need to close my SEVIS record?

- If you need to return home country unexpectedly, for an extended period time and cannot complete your program of study at this time.
- If you need to leave the University to fulfill military or religious services.
- If you are not able return to school full-time after a Summer vacation semester.

General Guidelines

- Do not stay after your reported departure date. If your departure plan is delayed, it is your responsibility to inform ISSS in time. ISSS office will not petition to USCIS to have your old SEVIS number reinstated. Any days you stay after your record has been closed will be considered as illegal stay and may impact your future visa.
- You must apply for a new I-20 with a new SEVIS number from International Admissions to be re-admitted to the University and return to U.S.

How do I return to University of Utah?

- You must reapply for readmission at admissions.utah.edu/apply/readmission. If you have any questions regarding readmission, including TOEFL scores, new I-20, and requirements, please contact the Admissions Office at IAO@sa.utah.edu.