

## IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT BORDER PATROL CHECKS AT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HUBS

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As you may know, U.S. Border Patrol officers patrol public transportation hubs, such as bus and train stations within 25 miles of the U.S.-Canada border. Although Amtrak train stations and Greyhound bus stations in Rochester, Syracuse, Chicago, Detroit and other cities are not international border crossings, Border Patrol has legal jurisdiction in such locations and may stop you to request proof of legal immigration status. These officers will usually wear green uniforms, but are sometimes not in uniform.

**Please be reminded that you are required by law to carry your original I-94 card at all times. We also urge you to carry the following documents any time you are near an airport, train or intercity bus station and any time you travel outside Buffalo:**

- 1) Original passport
- 2) I-20 (*for F-1 students*) OR DS-2019 (*for J-1 students and scholars*) OR I-797 approval notice (*for H-1B employees*).
- 3) UB card + Proof of Full-time Enrollment (e.g. course schedule print-out with name on it) (*for students*)

Note: Border Patrol considers university ID cards as important evidence of student status. Since UB cards do not have dates on them, it is a good idea to carry a print-out of your course schedule as well.

If you cannot prove your immigration status, Border Patrol officers can detain you until they determine that you are in the U.S. legally. We do not want your trip to be delayed or, even worse, for you to end up in a detention facility so please carry your immigration documents when you travel!

If you receive discourteous treatment or incorrect information about your immigration status from a Border Patrol officer, you should note the officer's name (it can be found on his/her name badge or you can ask the officer's name) and contact International Student and Scholar Services, 210 Talbert Hall, North Campus (645-2258).