

## OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING & TRAVEL~CHANGES IN F-1 REGULATIONS

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**This message is for F-1 students who are on Optional Practical Training (OPT), have applied for OPT and are waiting for their Employment Authorization Documents (EAD cards) or plan to apply for OPT in the near future.**

**If you do not fit any of those categories or do not know what OPT is, you do not need to read this message.**

**The U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services recently announced a new interpretation of F-1 regulations relating to travel by students who are on OPT following the completion of their studies. Since this interpretation reverses the previous USCIS position on this issue and is the opposite of what we have advised F-1 students on OPT to do, we are posting our updated “FAQs regarding Travel during OPT” handout on this listserv so that all UB international students know about this change. We also urge you to forward this message to students who have left UB and are on OPT.**

If you have any questions concerning the information in the handout (available at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/intlservices/optfaq.pdf>), please visit our office in Talbert Hall 210, North Campus or attend our next workshop on “F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular & Optional Practical Training,” which will be held on Monday, February 21 from 4:00-5:15 in Capen Hall 31, North Campus.

Please do not respond to this message. Since this is a complex issue, it is better to visit our office in Talbert 210, North Campus or attend our workshop.