



Before You Travel:

1. Plan ahead. Think several weeks in advance about what you will need for your trip and assemble it. That way, you will not be stressed out at the last minute.
2. Copy all of your important documents. This includes your I-20 and the pages in your passport showing your picture, birth date, passport number, expiration date, visa and I-94 card. Keep one set of copies in your carry-on luggage, one set in your checked baggage and leave a set at home, preferably with someone who can send them to you if needed.
3. Visit the CIE to have your I-20 signed. Do this several days before you travel. **Do not wait until the last minute.**
4. Carry your UNC student ID card with you.
5. If you travel outside the United States:
 - A. Check your US visa in your passport. If it has expired it may be necessary to renew it before you can return to the US, and it may be necessary to return to your home country. Check with CIE for regulations governing citizens of your country.
 - B. If you have changed your status to F-1 in the United States, you will have to apply for an F-1 visa at a US Embassy or Consulate before returning to the United States. You have "F-1 status" but you do not have an "F-1 Visa."
 - C. If you are traveling to a country other than your home country, go online to <http://www.aviso.net/government/embassies/> to learn if you need a visa to enter that country and how long processing takes. 2-3 weeks processing time is not unusual.
 - D. If you are a Special Registrant (your visa and I-94 will be stamped "NSEERS" and will carry a "FIN" number) you must arrive and depart through a "designated port of entry." Denver International Airport is such a "designated port of entry."
6. If you are traveling inside the U S, carry your original passport and I-20 with you at all times. If you are stopped by any government official (police, border patrol, immigration officer, etc.), you must show them your original documents.
7. If you go home, bring back a traditional costume from your country to wear for International Week. You might also consider bringing back posters/art/decorations/material/ music/videos from your country to share during International Week.

