

F-1 Student Transferring from Rutgers to Another Program

An F-1 student can request to transfer from Rutgers to another institution. To process the transfer, the student must:

- Complete and submit a [transfer out request form](#) to OISS
- Secure an admission letter from the new school indicating start date of the program at the new school to verify admission
- Copies of all current I-20s
- International Advisor's form for transfer from the new school
- Schedule an appointment for transfer out advising to establish a transfer release date in SEVIS

Note: Transfer out requests will not be processed until all the above requirements have been met.

What the Regulations say about Transfer

A student who is maintaining status may transfer to another service approved school. However, an F-1 student is not permitted to remain in the United States when transferring between schools or programs unless the student will begin classes at the transfer school or program within 5 months of transferring out of the current school or within 5 months of the program completion date on his or her current form I-20, whichever is earlier. In the case of an F-1 student authorized to engage in post-completion optional practical training (OPT), the student must be able to resume classes within 5 months of transferring out of the school that recommended OPT or the date the OPT authorization ends, whichever is earlier. An F-1 student who was not pursuing a full course of study at the school he or she was last authorized to attend is ineligible for school transfer and must apply for reinstatement under the provisions of paragraph (f)(16) of this section, or, in the alternative, may depart the country and return as an initial entry in a new F-1 nonimmigrant status.