

What is SEVIS?

SEVIS is the acronym for **S**tudent and **E**xchange **V**isitor **I**nformation **S**ystem. It is an internet-based system requiring schools and the U.S Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to exchange data on the status of international students, scholars, and their dependents in the U.S. As of January 30, 2003, schools must electronically transmit immigration, academic, and dependent data to the DHS throughout an F-1 or J-1 student's academic career in the United States.

Who has access to SEVIS?

- The PDSO/DSO (Designated School Officials)
- The DHS (Department of Homeland Security)
- U.S Embassies and Consulates.
- POE-Port of entry official or immigration officer

What are the institution's responsibilities under SEVIS?

As a SEVIS approved school, Rutgers, Newark has certain responsibilities. The PDSO is required to report the following information **within 21 days of the event**:

- A student's failure to maintain status or complete his or her program
- All changes of student's or dependent's legal name or U.S address
- A student's graduation or program completion prior to the end date on Form I-20
- Disciplinary action taken by the school against the student due to criminal conviction
- Dismissal or withdrawal date, and reason for dismissal or withdrawal
- Other changes such as program extensions, changes in level of study, off-campus employment authorizations, and reinstatement.
- Any student who fails to maintain status or complete his or her program for any reason.

The PDSO is required to report the following information **no later than 30 days after the deadline for course registration**:

- Student enrolled full time
- Student dropped below full course of study without prior approval by PDSO
- Student's failure to enroll
- Student's current address, if enrolled
- Start date of next term or semester