

VISA CLASSIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY to Study

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<u>VISA:</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Can Study Without Changing to F-1 Visa</u>	<u>Special Notes about Changing Status</u>
A-1	Highest Diplomatic officers and their families	YES	
A-2	Staff under diplomatic officers and their families	YES	
A-3	Employees of diplomatic staff	YES	
B-1	Temporary visitors for business	NO!	
B-2	Temporary visitors for pleasure	NO!	<i>"A Non immigrant B-1 or B-2 visitor or F-2 Dependent is prohibited by U.S. law from pursuing "a course of study" before obtaining a change of status to F-1 student [8CFR 248.1©(3 and 214.2(f)(15)(iii)]"</i>
E-1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	YES	
E-2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	YES	
F-1	Foreign students	YES	
F-2	Families of foreign students	NO!	<i>"A Non immigrant B-1 or B-2 visitor or F-2 Dependent is prohibited by U.S. law from pursuing "a course of study" before obtaining a change of status to F-1 student [8CFR 248.1©(3 and 214.2(f)(15)(iii)]"</i>
G-1	Principal representatives to international organizations (and their families)	YES	
G-2	Other representatives of foreign members of international organization (and their families)	YES	
G-3	Representatives of foreign governments(and their families)	YES	
G-4	Officers and employees of international organizations (and their families)	YES	

G-5	Employees of foreign representatives, international organization staff members and their families	YES	
H-1	Aliens who are temporary workers of distinguished	YES	
H-1C	Registered Nurses and Physical Therapist	YES	
H-2	Aliens who are temporary workers, here to perform special services	YES	
H-3	Aliens who are trainees	YES	
H-4	Spouses and children of temporary workers	YES	
J-1 Student	Exchange Visitors	YES	
J-1 Scholar	Scholar /Researchers	YES	
J-2	Families of Exchange Visitors	YES	
L-1	Transferees of companies	YES	
L-2	Families of transferees	YES	
NATO	For NATO (and their families)	YES	
R	Special Religious Worker	YES	
TN	Trader Nafta	YES	
TD	Dependent of Nafta Trader	YES	