

## *RETURNING TO PRATT AFTER LEAVE OR READMISSION*

F-1 international students who are returning after a leave of absence or readmission need to follow OIA's instructions to [apply for a new SEVIS I-20](#). Your previous I-20 is no longer valid and you should not attempt to enter the U.S. with it.

You will need an "initial" I-20 with a new SEVIS ID, and you will need to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee again. You will also need to complete [OIA Arrival Check-in](#) after your return to F-1 status

I-20 forms are issued with Fall or Spring semester start dates. You should consult with your academic/department advisor about whether appropriate courses are available for the term you wish to return, because [full-time enrollment](#) requirements apply.

If you have an unexpired F-1 visa, it will still be valid and usable with your new I-20. The five-month rule does not apply to F-1 visas and it is ok that the SEVIS ID is different.

If your previous F-1 visa has expired, you will need to make plans for visa renewal at your local U.S. consulate, after you get your I-20 and before your entry to the U.S.

## *OTHER STEPS YOU MAY NEED TO TAKE*

- 1) Check your [onePratt](#) for any holds on your account. If you have a hold, you need to troubleshoot it and get it removed before you can get a new I-20 and/or register for classes.
- 2) If your OneKey is deactivated, contact the [Technology Desk](#) for assistance.
- 3) If you have an outstanding tuition balance, you need to resolve that with [Student Financial Services](#).
- 4) If you left without requesting a leave of absence, you will need to apply for [readmission](#).
- 5) If your leave of absence expiration date has passed, you will need to request activation of your academic status by writing to the [Registrar](#).
- 6) Graduate students who have been away from Pratt for more than two semesters will be tested again for English proficiency. For more information, contact the [Intensive English Program \(IEP\)](#).