TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS & ADVICE
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION
- You may travel freely within the U.S. at any time.
- You may leave the U.S. at any time. However, you may need a visa to enter other countries. Please check with the relevant embassy to determine entry requirements for any country you are planning to visit during your travels.
- If you re-enter the U.S., you must have all necessary documents with you.
- It is recommended that you carry your I-20/DS-2019 and passport with you when you travel.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND RE-ENTRY
These requirements apply to all F-1/J-1 international students and F-2/J-2 dependents.
- Passport (must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of re-entry)
- Valid U.S. visa for your current status
  > Exception: A valid visa is not necessary when returning from Canada, Mexico and most Caribbean islands if you have not been gone for less than 30 days. However, this exception does not apply to all students.
- I-20/DS-2019 signed for travel
  > It is recommended that travel signatures be more than six months old at the time you re-enter the U.S.
  > Travel signatures are technically valid for one year.
  > Before the end of each semester, the International Center has walk-in times for travel signatures.
  > If you are transferring to a new school, you must re-enter the U.S. on your new school’s I-20/DS-2019. Contact your new school for instructions.
- Financial documentation (e.g., bank statement, assistantship letter) to prove you can afford to live in the U.S.

AT THE BORDER
- What happens to my I-94 record when I leave and re-enter the U.S.?
  > Your I-94 tracks when you enter and leave the United States. It is now issued electronically, so you will not receive a paper I-94 card. You can print your electronic card by visiting the CPB website and entering your arrival information. Each time you leave the U.S., your electronic record will show your departure, and you will receive a new electronic record upon each entry.
- What happens when I cross the border into the U.S.?
  > Have your passport, visa and I-20/DS-2019 ready for the immigration officer.
  > The immigration officer will put a stamp in your passport.
  > The stamp will list your immigration status and “D/S” (duration of status).
  > You will have your fingerprints taken and possibly have your photo taken.
- What should I do if I have a problem at the border?
  > Ask the border officer to call the International Center at 573-882-6007. Outside of regular business hours, call the MU Police Department at 573-882-7201 and tell the officer you need to speak to an international student adviser. They will call the adviser at home.
  > Ask for an I-515, which is a document that allows you to enter the U.S. for 30 days.
  > If you receive an I-515, please make an appointment with an international student adviser immediately.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
international.missouri.edu/travel