



NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

This form must be submitted by students in F-1 or J-1 status who plan to withdraw from their current academic program at UNC-Chapel Hill or who plan to take a leave of absence of one semester or more. This form should also be used by students withdrawing from classes in the current term, even if they expect to continue at UNC in the following semester. Please note:

- If you plan to withdraw from the current semester or if you do not plan to enroll in the following required term, you must notify ISSS **IN ADVANCE** or else the withdrawal or failure to enroll will be considered a violation of your F-1 or J-1 status.
- This form is not applicable to students leaving for the summer semester only as summer is considered a vacation term.
- Once you have withdrawn from your program and/or are no longer enrolled, you will not be eligible to remain in the U.S. in F-1 or J-1 status and are expected to depart immediately. Students who have requested authorization from ISSS in advance for a **15-day grace period** from the withdrawal date may remain in the U.S. during this period only.
- The withdrawal or leave of absence will result in the termination of your SEVIS record, so if you plan to return to UNC in the future, it may be necessary for you to request an "initial" I-20 or DS-2019, which will require repayment of the SEVIS I-901 fee and application for a new visa.
- If you are departing the U.S. because you intend to complete remaining degree requirements online, you will NOT be eligible to apply for any practical training at the end of your degree program.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ PID: _____

Immigration Status: F-1 J-1 Email: _____ Phone: _____

Current Degree Level: Bachelor's Master's Doctoral Major/Dept.: _____

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Date of expected departure from the U.S.: _____

Select one of the following:

- I have completed or intend to complete the current semester, _____ (term/year), but will subsequently depart the U.S. and will NOT enroll in the next term. I intend to withdraw and/or take a leave of absence.
- I have completed or intend to complete the current semester, _____ (term/year), but will subsequently depart the U.S. and will complete all remaining degree requirements online or through distance education from home.
- I am currently enrolled but intend to drop all of my classes and withdraw from the current semester and/or withdraw from my program because I am leaving the U.S.

If you plan to return to UNC, semester in which you expect to re-enroll: _____

Acknowledgement: I understand that upon departure, my SEVIS record will be terminated and I will not be eligible to re-enter the U.S. using my current student visa and/or my current Form I-20 or DS-2019. If I wish to return to UNC to enroll in a later semester, I must follow all university readmission procedures and request a new Form I-20 or DS-2019. If returning to UNC, I understand that I will be eligible for re-entry to the U.S. only within the 30 days before the start of classes for my readmission term.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____