Employment Requirements for F-1 Students

International Student Services

On Campus Employment
• Up to 20 hours/week during the fall and spring semester
• More than 20 hours/week during breaks and holidays
• Employment does not have to be related to your field of study
• You do not need prior approval from ISS

CPT
• Must have been a full-time student for at least 1 academic year
• Can be more than 20 hours/week
• Must be directly related to your field of study
• Must be registered for an internship course for the entire length of the employment
• Prior approval from ISS required each semester

OPT
• Must have been a full-time student for at least 1 academic year and apply during your final term
• Employment must be at least 21 hours/week
• Must be directly related to your field of study
• Can only accrue 90 days of unemployment
• Prior approval from USCIS required
• May take 90 days to be approved