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TRAVEL WARNING FOR STUDENTS IN F-1 STATUS

Many of our students traveling during the break are requesting to return some time after the Summer Term start date. We discourage this greatly as it impacts your academic studies. Studies have shown that skipping school (even one class) correlates with low test scores. This will negatively affect your academic studies and your career success.

There is also another very real reason for discouraging this behavior that has to do with your immigration status. The environment surrounding immigration has changed drastically over the last semester and it is continuing to the current semester. Immigration officers are scrutinizing all international students for various reasons such as providing fraudulent documents, taking unauthorized employment, etc. We do not wish to fuel this fire by having a couple of thousand NPU students returning late for their Summer Term. We believe around 3000 student will be traveling during the break and we have more than half of them stating that they will be coming late due to some reason or another. We understand your issues, but immigration is less likely to be understanding and will question how so many students have the same issues.

You may have done this is the past with little troubles, but we believe that things will be different this time. So, we strongly encourage you to return prior to the Summer Term's start date.

As an additional reminder, please remember to take of your supporting documents as they may be requested by the Customs and Border Protection on your entry to the U.S. Documentation should include, but is not limited to:

1. I-20 (with additional DSO signature on page 2);

2. NPU receipt for payment for Summer term as well as course registration;

3. Transcripts; and

4. If despite the warning, you decide to travel after the school's start date, you should bring significant proof of the reason you were late to explain this to immigration.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding and please travel safely.