

## ADDITIONAL F-1 INFORMATION

### Have the following items with you when you go to a Customs and Border Protection checkpoint:

1. Passport valid for at least six months – required
2. Valid F-1 Visa – required (*unless you are from a country which is exempt from the visa requirement*)
3. I-20 (DSO must have signed I-20 for travel within the last 12 months for returning students) – required
4. All I-20s ever issued to you accessible – recommended
5. Transcript(s) or certification letter from the Registrar's Office – recommended
6. Financial documents (current bank statement and / or employment documentation, if applicable) – recommended

Make a photocopy of your passport, visa, and the front and back of your I-94 and carry the copies in your wallet. Staple your I-94 inside your passport. Take your passport and I-20 form with you every time you leave Swainsboro. It is also recommended that you keep a permanent copy of the front and back of all I-94 cards. Admissions will be glad to keep copies on file for you.

Check your East Georgia State College email account at least twice weekly.

### SEVIS Reporting

East Georgia State College is required to report the following information to DHS through the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS):

- DSO must terminate SEVIS records of students who entered the U.S. with an I-20 issued by East Georgia State College and did not register for classes. The reason code for this termination is “No Show.”
- DSO must report the last day of the current term and the next expected enrollment date for all registered students every semester. Report to the DSO upon arriving on campus.
- DSO must report reduced course loads for students who have received DSO authorization to register part-time.
- DSO must terminate the SEVIS records of all students registered for less than a full load without prior DSO authorization.
- DSO must report when students leave East Georgia State College. Please report to a DSO before leaving East Georgia State College, so we can correctly report this information, it could impact your future visa applications, etc.
- DSO must report any disciplinary action taken by the school as a result of a student being convicted of a crime.

Effective March 1, 2003, the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) ceased to exist and is now officially incorporated into three divisions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The divisions and an example of how they impact you follow:

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (**ICE**) – controls SEVIS,  
Customs and Border Protection (**CBP**) – reviews documents and allows/refuses entry into the U.S., and  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (**USCIS**) controls benefits such as Optional Practical Training