

## F-1 Visa Student Agreement with College of the Canyons

College of the Canyons will make every effort to help international students accomplish their academic goals. However, there are certain regulations that must be followed by all F-1 visa students in order to satisfy conditions set by USCIS. We ask that you read the following requirements and restrictions. Please sign your name below to indicate that you understand and agree to comply with these requirements.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in order to be accepted for admission to College of the Canyons, and to be permitted to remain in lawful attendance during my studies, agree to the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ **1. I am** familiar with the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).

\_\_\_\_\_ **2. I understand that I am required to be enrolled in and complete at least 12 units of college course work each semester** in order to maintain my lawful F-1 status. **I am not** to withdraw or stop attending any classes without the **prior permission** of an International Students Program (ISP) Designated School Official and/or International Student Counselor.

\_\_\_\_\_ **3. I understand that** if **I drop below 12 units** during any academic semester, without prior permission from an ISP Designated School Official that I will be considered out of status with the USCIS. I will remain out of status until **an authorized request is made to the USCIS and approved to be reinstated to F1 status.** I also understand that my visa may be cancelled if reinstatement is not approved and I must leave the U.S. with no grace period.

\_\_\_\_\_ **4. I understand that** I must have a valid I-20 form at all times while studying in the U.S. and that I **must apply** for an extension of the I-20 **before** it expires. (No extension will be given if the student does not request one prior to their current I-20 end date).

\_\_\_\_\_ **5. I understand that** I must be covered by medical insurance while attending College of the Canyons, and must show proof of coverage prior to attendance in each term.

\_\_\_\_\_ **6. I am fully aware** of the expenses incurred while living in the United States and attending College of the Canyons. I have the necessary financial resources to pay for my classes upon registration and to complete my course of study. I accept the responsibility to secure housing and dependable transportation.

\_\_\_\_\_ **7. I understand that** I must maintain the minimum of a 2.0 grade point average. Failure to do so will place me on academic probation. I understand that if my grade point average falls below 2.0 in the subsequent semester, I will be subject to academic dismissal from College of the Canyons.

\_\_\_\_\_ **8. If I find employment on campus, I understand that** I am permitted to work on campus only for a maximum of 20 hours per week during the semester and full-time on campus during vacation and holiday periods. I understand that it is unlawful to work off-campus without the express written permission of the USCIS.

\_\_\_\_\_ **9. I understand that I must** notify the International Student Program Office when I am finishing my studies at College of the Canyons, or when I choose to transfer to another school or university.

\_\_\_\_\_ **10. I understand that** by law, I must notify the International Students Program office within 10 days if I change my address or if any other changes occur which might affect my lawful status as an F-1 student. I understand that failure to do so may result in loss of F-1 status at the discretion of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service.

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_