

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FINAL SEMESTER VERIFICATION FOR OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) PURPOSES

According to immigration regulations, international students must be enrolled full-time during each Fall and Spring semester. At Oklahoma State University, full-time enrollment status for undergraduate students is defined as 12 semester hours. However, in the *final semester* of study, students may be permitted to enroll in a course of study that is less than full-time. The International Students and Scholars (ISS) office is required to report the enrollment status of all international students in the Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). The SEVIS reporting requires the ISS to verify that an international student desiring to be enrolled less than full-time is entering their final semester.

Undergraduate students entering what they intend to be their final semester must verify with the academic advisor that it is for certain their final semester and can qualify to apply for OPT. This verification form must be completed with the required signature and filed with the ISS office, 309 Wes Watkins Center at the time of Optional Practical Training (OPT) application.

If the undergraduate student is under-enrolled for the final semester and fails to complete the degree, the student will be considered out of status with immigration and will forfeit their OPT. It is necessary that the undergraduate students and their academic advisors are in agreement that the student can complete the requirements for the degree during the specified final semester.

As stated above, this verification form is a prerequisite to an application for Optional Practical Training (OPT). This form must be submitted as confirmation that the student is expected to complete the degree at the time of the OPT application.

To be completed by student:

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Banner ID: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Department: _____ Academic Advisor: _____

Final Semester: _____ Hours Enrolled: _____

I intend to graduate this semester.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Concurrence:

The student is currently enrolled in the remaining required course work for the degree and will complete the degree at the end of the semester with pending completion of those courses with satisfactory grades as required for the major.

Academic Advisor Signature	(Date)	Phone #	Comments
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Circle One: Agricultural Sciences Arts & Sciences Business Education Engineering Human Sciences

Students who fail to complete the graduation requirements specified in this verification may jeopardize their immigration status and lose future immigration benefits such as Optional Practical Training. In some cases, failure to complete the requirements for graduation after applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT) and receiving authorization may result in the loss of the OPT due to the 90-day limit of unemployment, please contact the ISS office 309 Wes Watkins Center.

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