

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT/ F-1 VISA **RULES & REQUIREMENTS**

As a potential student or as someone who wishes to change their current visa to F-1 student visa, there are certain admissions guidelines that you must follow:

- 1) You must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits per semester unless you are enrolling into our English as a Second Language Program which allow you take a minimum of 9 credits.
- 2) You are not permitted to work off campus at all during the time you are enrolled in school unless you qualify under special circumstances as defined by U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services.
- 3) Any changes made to your SEVIS I-20 needs to be approved by the Foreign Student Advisor before you make them. This includes: change of address, academic major (program), drop below 12 credits, failing a class/withdrawal from a class, traveling outside the US, and taking a semester off to due to medical problems, etc.
- 4) You must report to the Foreign Student Advisor if you plan to graduate early from your major (program) or if you need more time to complete your major (program). All changes must be approved through SEVIS before your I-20 can be updated and your F-1 corrected.

****PLEASE KNOW THAT STAYING IN STATUS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT.**

At anytime, if you have any additional questions about F-1 student status, please call Vonetta Smith in International Student Affairs in the Admissions Office at (413) 755-3333 or by email at ymsmith@stcc.edu .