# **June 2025 Monthly Immigration Update**

Summer is here and campus life has slowed down since this is the traditional time for vacations, trips, and relaxing! For those of you remaining at USF, our office, in BEH, stays open all summer and we will continue to have Virtual Drop-In and Walk In hours at all campuses as listed on our <u>website</u>.

In the last two weeks, immigration is once again a featured news story. Please know that you are a valued part of our USF family. We care deeply about your success – academically and personally. We are the #1 destination in Florida for international student enrollment and we are very proud of this achievement.

The USF World Staff is dedicated to providing you with factual information. See below for updates about a pause in visa stamp processing, travel bans, and travel this summer.

### **Visa Interview Pause**

On May 27, news media reported that the US Department of State issued a cable ordering US Embassies and consulates to temporarily pause F and J visa appointments. It is unclear the full implications of this possible cable.

If you planned to travel this summer and need to obtain an updated visa stamp, it is highly recommended that you obtain and confirm a visa appointment at your Embassy or Consulate before you finalize your travel plans.

#### **Travel Bans**

On June 4, the US President issued a proclamation that establishes a travel ban on 19 countries.

The full travel ban suspends entry of individuals from Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen.

The partial travel ban suspends entry to F and J visa holders from Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela.

These bans apply to individuals outside the US without a valid visa stamp as of June 9, 2025. It also does not apply to those with green cards.

If you are a current student from one of the countries named in the travel ban and are in the US, your F-1 and J-1 immigration status is not affected. If you have questions, please talk to our advisors during virtual drop in or walk in hours.

## **Summer Travel**

If you have a visa stamp and are not from one of the countries listed in the travel ban, we suggest that you assess your personal travel risk prior to travel, check with our office for any new travel related information, and obtain a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019. Our advisors are available during virtual drop in and walk in hours to discuss your questions about travel.

We also recommend that you read our <u>travel page</u> for our full recommendation on documents necessary for travel. If you travel, remember to print your documents and carry them with you. Do not check them in your bags.

If you planned to travel this summer and **need to apply for an updated visa stamp**, it is highly recommended that you obtain and confirm a visa appointment at your Embassy or Consulate before you finalize your travel plans.

# **Important Dates Summer 2025 Semester**

- June 19 USF Closed for Juneteenth
- June 30 Summer B begins
- July 4 USF Closed for US Independence Day
- August 9-10 Summer Commencement
- August 25 Fall courses begin

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