

Travel within the United States

If you are planning to travel within the United States, it is essential that you travel with documentation. Take your passport and visa documents with you. Strict Department of Homeland Security immigration enforcement initiatives require non-U.S. citizens to carry proof of their status. Non-immigrants who are unable to show evidence of lawful immigration status in the U.S. can potentially face expedited removal from the U.S. without a hearing.

- F-1 students should carry passports, I-20, printed copies of I-94, and EADs (where applicable)
- J-1 students should carry passports, DS-2019, and printed copies of I-94
- Faculty/Staff using temporary visas should carry passports, I-797 approval notices, and printed copies of I-94

Non-contiguous US States and Territories - If you are already legally in the U.S., you do not need a visa to visit Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or U.S. Virgin Islands *unless* your travel plans include entry to another country en route to these destinations.

Driving in the U.S.

Driving in the U.S. requires a valid U.S. driver's license and sufficient driver's insurance. Insurance requirements vary by state. Your insurance must meet the requirements for the state in which you reside. If you own a vehicle, there are additional requirements.

To obtain a [Wisconsin driver's license](#) you will take written and driving exams and show proof of insurance.

NOTE: F-1 students whose Optional Practical Training (OPT) Employment Authorization Document (EAD) has expired but are pending approval of either a 24-Month OPT Extension or H-1B Cap-Gap Relief, will be unable to renew their license until the new status is approved.