

Statement of Understanding for Graduate Students

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Please read each statement carefully. By agreeing to these conditions for admission, you understand fully the UCO academic, administrative, and immigration regulatory policies to become a UCO student on F-1 visa.

1. **I understand that I must submit all application forms and supporting documents to the UCO Office of Global Affairs (OGA) before the deadline date listed. If my application failed to meet the deadline, it will be considered for the next earliest semester.**
2. I understand that all information given on the application forms must be accurate. Failure to list all colleges previously attended, or falsification of application information or any of my academic records will result in my suspension for academic misconduct and immediate dismissal from UCO.
3. **I understand that I must submit official academic credentials from all schools I am currently attending and/or have attended in the past. I understand that I must meet the grade point average requirement for the program I intend to pursue.**
4. I understand that if English is not the primary vernacular in my country, I must meet the English proficiency requirement outlined before the admission will be granted. However, I may submit the application for admission to UCO without having met the English requirement but only for evaluation of my academic credentials. If I have met all the admission requirements except for the English proficiency and wish to attend an intensive English program, I must apply to the English language school approved by the State Board of Regents to receive the I-20 and the provisional acceptance letter from UCO.
5. **I understand that if I enter the U.S. on I-20 issued by UCO, I must enroll and complete 9 graduate credit hours before I am eligible to transfer to another institution in the U.S.**
6. **I understand that I must be prepared to bring to UCO a tuition deposit (a minimum of \$9,000 deposit) to cover tuition, fees, on-campus housing and meals, textbooks from on campus bookstore, and health insurance for one sixteen-week semester. Remaining balance is to be applied as a credit for the subsequent semester. Should I leave UCO, the deposit will remain as credit for four years after which it will be held by the university. I understand it is not UCO's policy to waive the deposit, it is used to reserve my place and will be credited towards my expenses as listed above. It will be refunded only for emergency reasons whereby I would have to return to my country using the approved UCO refund process.**
7. **I understand that I must have made a housing arrangement, either reserved a room with UCO Housing Office or with a friend off campus, prior to arrival in the U.S.**
8. I understand that I must attend a mandatory international orientation for new students at the beginning of my initial semester at UCO.
9. **I understand it is very important to maintain my visa status by making good academic progress at all times during my stay in the U.S. I am required to enroll and complete successfully a minimum of 12 undergraduate or 9 graduate credit hours as an graduate student during Spring and Fall semesters. I further understand that while I am at UCO, I must comply with the university Code of Student Conduct.**
12. I understand that I must be in proper status with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) while I am in the U.S. If reinstatement of F-1 visa status or change in visa classification is required, I must consult the UCO Immigration Advisor and file appropriate application with the USCIS. I will not be permitted to enroll until I have completed all the paper work for reinstatement of student status with the UCO Immigration Advisor. If I am changing from any of other non-immigrant visa status to student visa status, I will not be permitted to enroll until the ICE notification of approval is received.
13. **I understand that I must maintain a valid passport at all times by applying for the renewal at least 6 months prior to its expiration.**
14. I understand that my I-20 must be valid throughout the duration of my study. The extension must be requested at least 30 days prior to its expiration at Office of Global Affairs (OGA).
15. **I understand that I must always provide the current address information to UCO and ICE by informing the Office of Global Affairs when there is any change either in my residence in the U.S. or in my family address in my home country.**
16. I understand that my F-1 visa status will prohibit my engaging in off-campus employment without prior authorization from the ICE. If I am found to be working off-campus without a proper authorization, I will lose my visa status and may face immediate deportation.
17. **I understand that I am required to have a health insurance coverage while I am a student at UCO. This mandatory insurance plan is offered through UCO as a part of my school fees.**
18. I understand that I must submit the proof of required immunization or sign the waiver before enrollment.
19. **I understand that I am required to complete a tuberculosis skin test during my first semester at UCO Student Health Center before I am permitted to enroll for subsequent semesters. I understand that if X-Ray is required as the result of testing, I must visit an off-campus facility at an appointed date and time to meet the testing requirement for enrollment.**

YOU MUST RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR SIGNATURE!

Signature

Print your name

Date