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| **F-1 Status** **F-1 vs. J-1 Comparison Chart**  | **J-1 Exchange Visitor (EV) Status**  |
| **This general summary provides a broad outline of the differences between F and J status at Georgetown. Additional case-specific distinctions may apply.** |
| **Eligibility** |
| **Georgetown is certified by the U.S.** [**Department of Homeland Security**](https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/guide/f-1/f-1-postsecondary) **(DHS) to issue the Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status to students admitted to eligible full-time programs and who submit proof of funding for at least one academic year (9 months).**  | **Georgetown is designated by the U.S.** [**Department of State**](http://j1visa.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Brochure-The-Exchange-Visitor-Program.pdf) **(DoS) to issue the Form DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant EV Student Status to students admitted to eligible full-time programs and who meet at least one of the following criteria:**1. **More than half of funding is from a source other than student’s personal funds, family funds, or a loan;**
2. **Exchange is based on a written agreement between the U.S. government and a foreign government;**
3. **Exchange is based on a written agreement between Georgetown and a foreign institution.**

**Notes****Exchange students may not use F-1 status.****Some funding sponsors require beneficiaries to use J-1 EV status.****J-1 EV Students contribute to DoS’s cultural and educational diplomatic** [**objectives**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/j1exchangevisitorprogram)**.****J-1 EV Students must also submit proof of English proficiency when requesting a Form DS-2019 from OGS.** **J-1 EV Students may not participate in programs that have patient contact or clinical care components.** |
| **Degree students who meet both the F-1 and J-1 EV eligibility requirements may choose which status to use.** **Students who have access to another** [**status valid for study**](https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/Nonimmigrant%20Class%20Who%20Can%20Study.pdf) **do not have reporting requirements with OGS.** |
| **Funding**  |
| **Student must provide documentation of OGS cost estimate for one academic year (9 months); OGS issues Form I-20 valid for entire length of academic program.**  | **Student must provide documentation of OGS cost estimate for entire program length in order to receive Form DS-2019. Cost estimates include summer living expenses even if program does not require summer enrollment.**  |
| **Health insurance**  |
| **Georgetown requires F-1 Students to purchase the University** [**Student Health Insurance Premier Plan**](https://studenthealth.georgetown.edu/insurance) **and strongly recommends health insurance coverage for all F-2 Dependents.**  | **U.S. federal regulations require** [**J-1/J-2 EV health insurance**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/j-1-health-insurance) **coverage for the duration of the program.** **Georgetown requires J-1 EV Students to purchase the University** [**Student Health Insurance Premier Plan**](https://studenthealth.georgetown.edu/insurance)**. J-2 dependents are eligible for Premier Plan coverage if enrolled during the eligible window.****J-1 EV Students must attest in writing to health insurance coverage for themselves and each dependent in order to maintain status.**  |
| **F-1** | **J-1 EV** |
| **On-campus employment**  |
| **Eligible to** [**work**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/f-1-on-campus-employment) **maximum 20 hours per week during required academic terms and full-time during official University breaks and vacations of at least one week (i.e. Winter, Spring and Summer Break).** **OGS letter required for SSN application if student does not already have an** [**SSN**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/ssn)**.**  | [**Authorization**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/j-1-on-campus-employment) **required for each position and each period of employment.** **Maximum 20 hours per week during required academic terms and full-time during official University breaks and vacations of at least one week (i.e. Winter, Spring and Summer Break).** **Authorization cannot be issued in increments longer than one year; students who remain in the same position must request new authorization.** |
| **Off-campus authorizations** |
| **Authorization for experiences directly related to major field of study:*** [**Curricular Practical Training**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/cpt) **(CPT) depends on each program’s curriculum and requires eligible offer.**
* [**Optional Practical Training**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/post-completion-opt) **(OPT) requires USCIS approval and can be used to extend status after graduation.**
* [**STEM OPT Extension**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/optstem) **for graduates of qualifying programs with an eligible offer.**

**Other authorization:*** [**Work with an International Organization**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/io) **(IO) requires eligible offer and USCIS approval.**
 | **Authorization only available for experiences directly related to major field of study.** [**Academic Training**](https://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/at) **(AT)*** **Requires eligible offer.**
* **Available during academic program and can be used to extend status after graduation.**
* **Requires evaluation by academic advisor and supervisor.**

**Note: J-1 EV Students cannot receive AT for a lead teaching position at a K-12 (public or private) school. Only shadowing is permitted.** |
| **Site of activity** |
| **Must study at an approved Georgetown campus or instructional site.**  |  **Must study at an approved Georgetown campus or**  **instructional site.**  |
| **Study and research abroad** |
|  **Status may remain active for approved dissertation**  **research abroad and one or two semesters of**  **study abroad at an approved Georgetown partner**  **institution. Requires special registration process.** | **Status cannot remain active for periods of study or research abroad in excess of 30 consecutive days during a required academic term. Students whose status ends for academic activities abroad must request a new Form DS-2019 and apply for a new J-1 visa to resume studies on the Georgetown campus.** |
| **Incident reporting** |
| **Georgetown reports to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) any institutional disciplinary action resulting from a criminal conviction.** |  **Georgetown reports to the Department of State (DoS),**  **any incident that could affect the health or well-being of**  **a J-1/J-2 EV or the reputation of the Exchange**  **Visitor Program.** |
| **F-1** | **J-1 EV** |
| **Dependents** |
| **F-2 Dependents may study part-time. Verify the academic institution’s part-time threshold. (Exception: school-aged children under the age of 18 may study full-time.)****Employment is prohibited (even if unpaid).****F-2 Dependents may not remain in the United States for more than 30 consecutive days while the F-1 Student is abroad during a required academic term.** | **J-2 Dependents may study full- or part-time and may apply for work authorization from USCIS.** |
| **Post-completion U.S. visa restrictions** |
| **Not applicable.**  | **INA Section 212(e): Two-Year Home-Country Physical Presence Requirement** **GU students may be subject based on:**1. **Government funding and/or**
2. **Study in a field on the** [**Skills List**](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/exchange/waiver-of-the-exchange-visitor/exchange-visitor-skills-list.html)

**Requires J-1 Student and any J-2 dependent(s) to return to home country for aggregate period of two years or receive a waiver of the requirement before they are eligible for statuses such as: L-1 (intracompany transfer), H-1B (temporary worker), K (fiancée), or Lawful Permanent Residence (green card) status.** **OGS does not assist with waivers of 212(e). J-1 status cannot be extended (i.e. for post-completion work authorization) following a 212(e) waiver application.** |
| **Transfer eligibility**  |
| **Eligible to transfer status to a new institution mid-program and within 60 days following Form I-20 program end date.** | **Eligible to transfer status to a new institution prior to Form DS-2019 program end date if new program is in the same J-1 EV Category and the same field of study.****May matriculate upward (i.e. progress from bachelors to masters, masters to doctorate) but may not change from non-degree to degree (or vice versa) and may not reverse matriculate (i.e. doctorate to masters).**  |
| **Terminal master’s** |
| **Doctoral candidate who leaves program early with a master’s degree may apply to USCIS for extension of status via post-completion training authorization.** |  **Doctoral candidate who leaves program early with a**  **master’s degree is ineligible to extend status for post-** **completion training authorization.** |
| **Grace period** |
| **May remain in the United States for up to 60 days after successful completion of program.**  | **May remain in the United States for up to 30 days after successful completion of program.**  |

