



## Immigration Overview: Working Off Campus

### 1. I am a new F-1 student. Can I work off campus?

No. The benefit of working off campus is strictly regulated by the U.S. government.

### 2. When can I work off campus?

It depends on which type of work permission you seek. There are three types.

### 3. What are they?

1. Optional Practical Training (OPT) which is done at the end of a student's degree.
2. Curricular Practical Training (CPT) requires 9 months of college-level study and is very limited to only a few classes at Clark.
3. Severe economic hardship work requires 9 months in the U.S. as a F-1 student and making a detailed application to the U.S. government.

### 4. Is it easy to get permission to work off campus?

No, each type of permission requires a detailed application and must meet the government requirements.

### 5. How can I get more information?

Meet with an International Programs advisor.

***International student employment policies are subject to change. Please check with International Programs (GHL 215) for the most current information.***

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