BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE U.S…

- Make sure the International Center has a photocopy of your I-20, passport, visa, and I-94

- Make sure a DSO in the International Center has signed page 3 of your I-20 within the last 6 months
  - Do NOT ask anyone other than International Center staff to sign your I-20

- Ask the International Center for a letter of good standing
WHAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD I CARRY WHEN TRAVELING?

HAND CARRY (DO NOT CHECK) THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- Passport
  - Should be valid for at least 6 more months whenever you travel to the U.S.
- Visa
  - If not F-1, you need to apply for one while outside the U.S.
  - If applying for or renewing visa, you may have to pay $100 SEVIS fee.
What Documents Should I Carry? (continued)

- Hand-carry (*do not check*) the following:
  - I-20
    - Should have a DSO’s travel signature on Page 3 within last 6 months.
    - Check end date in Item 5; does it need to be extended?
  - I-94 (should indicate D/S)
  - Financial support documents
  - Evidence of student status:
    - Unofficial transcript (up-to-date)
    - Student schedule for next semester (or other evidence of pre-registration)
    - Letter of acceptance
    - Letter of good standing (from International Center)
    - Receipt showing payment of SEVIS fee
    - Immigration Advisor’s business card (*call this person if you have problems while travelling*)
What if I Have a Problem?

- **Immediately** contact the International Center at (704) 463-3368.

- Ask immigration officials if they will discuss your situation with us.

- *Contacting any other office on campus wastes valuable time we may need to discuss your situation with immigration officials.*
ONCE YOU ARRIVE BACK IN THE U.S.

- Report to the International Center so that we can register your participation in SEVIS
- If you renewed your passport while traveling, bring it with you so we can get a photocopy
- Report any change of address immediately
- Report any change of program immediately
- Report any change in name immediately
TRAVELING INSIDE THE U.S.

- **If traveling within your local community, you MUST carry the following:**
  - I-20 (suggest a photocopy to avoid losing original)
  - Passport (suggest a photocopy to avoid losing original)

- **If traveling outside your local community, you MUST carry the following:**
  - I-20 (original)
  - Passport
  - Visa (F-1)
  - I-94
THANK YOU

HAVE A SAFE TRIP!