

## Transitioning after Completing your Program at Sofia University

Students are advised to first verify with the Office of the Registrar that they have met all program completion requirements and that they have correctly understood their graduation date.

Students have 60 days from the program end date on their I-20 to consider one of the following options.

### **Start a new program of study at Sofia University**

Students may be eligible to start a different program with Sofia University and continue their academic journey with Sofia.

### **Transfer your SEVIS record to another University**

If you wish to transfer your SEVIS record, we would need an acceptance letter from the new university, the new school SEVIS code and the contact information of the DSO in your new school. You would also need to determine an acceptable transfer release date. Please note that we may take 3-5 business days to process your transfer out request.

### **Change your visa status to another category**

If eligible, you may change your status to a different visa category by submitting an application to USCIS. Please review the information contained in the link <https://www.uscis.gov/i-539>

### **Apply for OPT**

If you have not previously participated in OPT at a Master's degree level and have done less than 12 months full time CPT you may be eligible to apply for OPT. The window to apply for OPT ends 60 days after your program end date.

### **Depart the U.S.**

Please note that failure to depart the U.S. by the expiration of your grace period will result in accruing 'unlawful presence' which can have legal consequences.