Frequently Asked Questions
For Advisors of International Students on the F-1 Student Visa Status

1. **How do I know if my advisee holds the F-1 student visa?**
    - It is the student's responsibility to tell you, but sometimes they need a reminder.
    - Starting with summer 2016, all F-1 students should have a PERC note of FVISA to help you know that they are on an F-1 visa. However they may not have the PERC note until they actually have the F-1 visa, so if you are meeting with them prior to them getting the visa, they may not have it.
    - If you think it is a possibility, you can ask a question such as "Do you have any immigration requirements for registration?"

2. **Which curriculum programs can F**

3. **What are the registration requirements for an F-1 visa student?**
    - For Fall and Spring semesters, the student <u>must enroll in at least 12 credit hours of curriculum courses.</u>
    - Only 3 credit hours (one course) of online course hours are permitted as part of the 12 credit

7. **What are some possible exceptions to full-time enrollment (12 credits in Fall or Spring; 8 credits in Summer)?**
    - Academic problem or improper course placement (Only one of these is permitted **for only one semester** throughout the entire program of study.)
    - Medical problem (A physician's recommendation is required. Permitted for a maximum of one year.)
    - It is the final semester before graduation (must be verified). In a student's final semester, they only need to take the classes they need to complete their program.

8. **What are common student requests to enroll in less than full-time enrollment that are <u>not allowed</u>, due to federal regulations?**
    - Financial difficulty
    - Academic problem for more than one semester
    - Illness of a family member
    - Tired of studying, need a vacation
    - Fear of a bad grade in a class
    - No class is available in my program of study (Student must find another course outside of the program of study to meet the enrollment requirements. This most often occurs to students who wait and register later so classes they could take are full.)

9. **Will the student qualify for in-state tuition after one year of residency?**
    - No. The F-1 visa student never has the ability to establish "residency for tuition purposes" according to North Carolina state regulations.
    - If a non-profit organization is sponsoring the student, the organization can be charged only the in-state rate. The student needs to consult with Heidi or Gina for specific information about the requirements and how the organization pays the tuition.

10. **My student is employed. Is that permitted?**
    - Students are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week <u>on-campus only.</u> However, it is difficult to find a job on Durham Tech's campus since F-1 students do nw 0.304 0 Tf[Td[(1)eek 4n.bif[(D)-3.3(n