Student and Exchange Visitor Information System

Exchange Visitor Program (J-visa)
Release 5.10
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Objectives

This presentation is an overview of the changes in Release 5.10 of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) for exchange visitor program sponsor users, which includes the following:

- **New Functionality:**
  - Student Academic Training

- **Form DS-2019 updates:**
  - Draft Forms DS-2019 and the 212(e) indicator
  - Updates to the Form DS-2019

- **Updates to Country Lists/Tables**
A college/university student exchange visitor (EV) may participate in academic training during his or her studies, with the approval of the academic dean or advisor and the RO or ARO.

The student must present to the RO or ARO a letter of recommendation from his or her dean or advisor setting forth:

- Goals and objectives of the specific academic training program.
- A description of the academic training program.
- How the academic training relates to the student’s major field of study.
- Why it is an integral or critical part of the student’s academic program.
The RO or ARO must review the letter of recommendation to make a determination whether the academic training currently being requested is warranted, and the criteria and time limitations are satisfied [see 22 CFR 62.23(f)(5)(ii)(C)]. To meet the regulatory requirement of 22 CFR 62.73(b), this information must be entered into SEVIS.

See 22 CFR 23, College and University Students, and 22 CFR 62.73, Academic Training.
A new menu, Academic Training, is being added to the Exchange Visitor Information screen for college/university students.

The Add Student Academic Training link will display on the menu.
Add Student Academic Training

To add student academic training to an Active EV’s SEVIS record, the RO or ARO will perform the following:

1. Access the **Exchange Visitor Information** screen.
2. Click the **Add Student Academic Training** link on the Academic Training menu. The **Add Student Academic Training** screen will display.
Add Student Academic Training

The following fields will be required:

- Name of Supervisor
- Site of Academic Training Name
- Site of academic Training Address
- Number of Hours Per Week
- Training Begin Date
- Training End Date
- Objectives
After academic training has been added, the **Student Academic Training History** link will display on the Academic Training menu.

Academic Training History is a list of “academic training” events associated with a college/university student’s SEVIS record.
Student Academic Training History

The **Student Academic Training History screen** will display after the Student Academic Training History link is selected. The RO and AROs will be able to view only the data specific to participants in their program.

For example, if the EV participated in academic training while at program A, and then transferred to Program B, the RO and AROs at Program B will **NOT** see the academic training information at Program A.
In addition to summary information for the EV, the Student Academic Training History screen may have the following links:

- **Add Student Academic Training**—used to add academic training
- **Update**—used to update an existing segment of academic training
- **Cancel**—used to cancel a segment of academic training
Update Student Academic Training

Users will be able to update a segment of student academic training prior to the training end date, or the cancelation date.
Student academic training data will print on page 1 of the Form DS-2019. It will print in section 5, to the right of the EV’s financial information.
Cancel Student Academic Training

An RO or ARO will be able to cancel a segment of academic training at any time prior to the training end date. Academic Training will be canceled on the date entered on the **Cancel Student Academic Training** screen.

The information for the canceled segment of academic training will remain on the EV’s SEVIS record and will display on the **Student Academic Training History** screen.
The event name “Student Academic Training Created,” “Student Academic Training Updated,” or “Student Academic Training Canceled” will show on the Event History screen.

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Student Academic Training List

Exchange Visitor Program sponsors with the college/university student designation will have a new link on the Exchange Visitors and Dependents Menu screen: Exchange Visitors With Student Academic Training. When the link is clicked, a list of college/university student EVs with a current or future segment of academic training will be displayed.
Student Academic Training Alert

A new alert is being added: Exchange Visitor(s) 30 Days Before Academic Training End Date.

The following alerts deserve your attention:

- Annual Report Due in 30 Days or Less
- You have 1 Exchange Visitor(s) 30 Days Before Academic Training End Date

This reminder will display when a college/university student EV’s current segment of academic training will end in 30 days or less.

An RO or ARO will be able to update the “training end date.” If no action is taken by an RO or ARO, the EV’s SEVIS status will remain Active if the program end date is later than the training end date.
Additional search criteria are being added to the **Exchange Visitor Search** screen: **Search by Student Academic Training**.
Additional Changes in Release 5.10
When a draft record is created for an EV, it may contain data that sets the Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence Requirement—212(e)—indicator on the Form DS-2019. The system is being corrected to remove the 212(e) indicator when a draft record is updated and the 212(e) requirement no longer applies.
Updates to Form DS-2019

In addition to updates to some text on the Form DS-2019, the:

- Expiration date on the Form is being updated to reflect the new expiration period—7/31/2011
- Label for the fourth line of field 1 is being changed to “Primary Site of Activity”
- OMB approval date in the footer is being updated to reflect the latest revision date—07-2008
Country Lists/tables

Per a National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 10-4 Change Notice, the Country of Birth, Country of Citizenship, Country of Legal Permanent Residence, and Passport Issuing Country drop-down lists will be updated as follows:

- New countries “Saint Martin” and “Saint Barthelemy” will be added
- Current country “East Timor” will be renamed “Timor-Leste”
Summary

The following updates that will be included in SEVIS release 5.10 have been addressed in this presentation:

- Student Academic Training
- Form DS-2019 updates
- Updates to Country Lists/Tables
User Manuals and Online Help

The user manuals and online help will be updated to reflect the changes addressed in this presentation. The user manuals will be posted to the Exchange Visitor Program web site when Release 5.10 goes into production.

http://exchanges.state.gov/education/jexchanges/about/sevis.htm
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