

## Important Dates for F-1 Students in the Class of 2022

*These dates are guidelines. It is your responsibility to stay up to date on all dates and deadlines established by USCIS that affect your F-1 visa status.*

**December 1, 2021** – Appointments available to discuss the Optional Practical Training (OPT) application process

**January 3, 2022** – Earliest dates to submit a *draft* of your OPT application to OIS for review

**February 8, 2022** – Earliest date to submit completed OPT applications to USCIS. You may submit applications for receipt by USCIS not later than July 8, 2022. (If you wait until July 7 you must send it yourself via overnight express.) **You can ONLY apply for OPT if you are inside the United States; you CANNOT apply from abroad.**

**May 9, 2022** –NEW “program end date” on your I-20. Once you leave the U.S. after May 9, you *cannot* return using your Holy Cross I-20.

**May 10, 2022** – EARLIEST DAY to begin employment for students with approved OPT.

**May 27, 2022** – COMMENCEMENT

**June 28, 2022** – LAST DATE TO SUBMIT OPT Application to Office of International Students for review and shipment. **You can ONLY apply for OPT if you are inside the United States; you CANNOT apply from abroad.**

**June 28, 2022** – LAST DATE TO REQUEST A SEVIS TRANSFER – for those students who have already been accepted to a U.S. graduate program and need their I-20 transferred to the new school.

**July 7, 2022** - LAST DATE TO SUBMIT OPT Application if you send it directly to USCIS via overnight express at your own cost.) **You can ONLY apply for OPT if you are inside the United States; you CANNOT apply from abroad.**

**July 8, 2022** – LAST DATE TO DEPART THE U.S. – for those students who have NOT applied for OPT and who have NOT been accepted to a U.S. graduate program

**October 5, 2022** – LAST DATE to begin employment for those students approved for OPT with an approved USCIS start date of July 8, 2022.