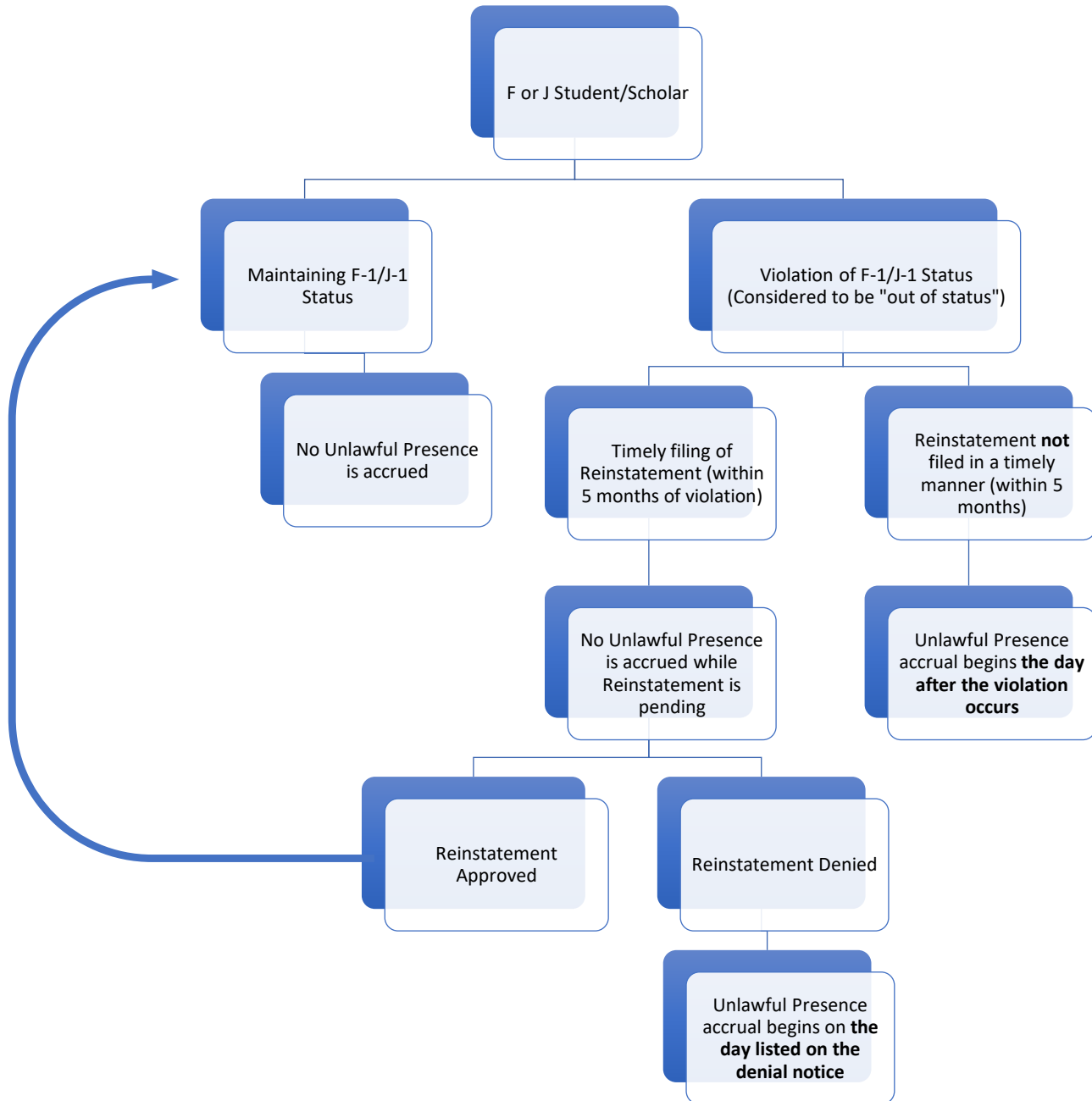


# Unlawful Presence

Effective August 9<sup>th</sup> 2018, United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) updated their policy on Unlawful Presence. Please use this guide to understand the new policy and how it pertains to you as an F or J Student/Scholar.



Unlawful Presence: A calculation of how many days a student is considered to be illegally in the U.S. following an F-1/J-1 status violation.

If **180 days** of unlawful presence is accrued, student may be barred from the U.S. for 3 years.

If **1 year** of unlawful presence is accrued, student may be barred from the U.S. for 10 years.

Violation of Status: A violation of your F-1/J-1 status may include:

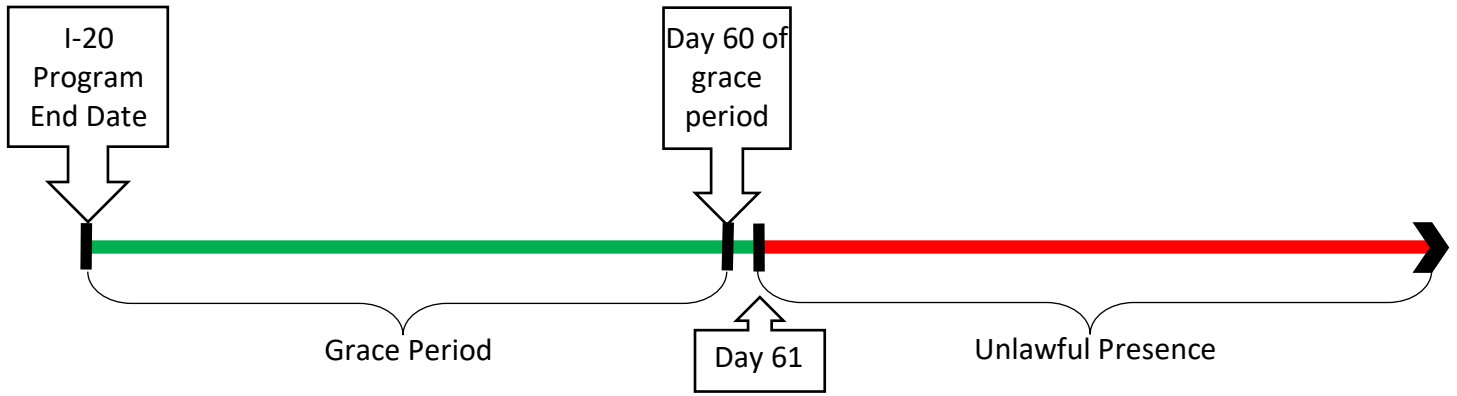
- Failure to maintain a full course of study
- Failure to maintain good academic standing
- Engaging in unauthorized employment
- Failure to file for a Program Extension to extend I-20

Please consult with OISS if you have any questions about maintaining status.

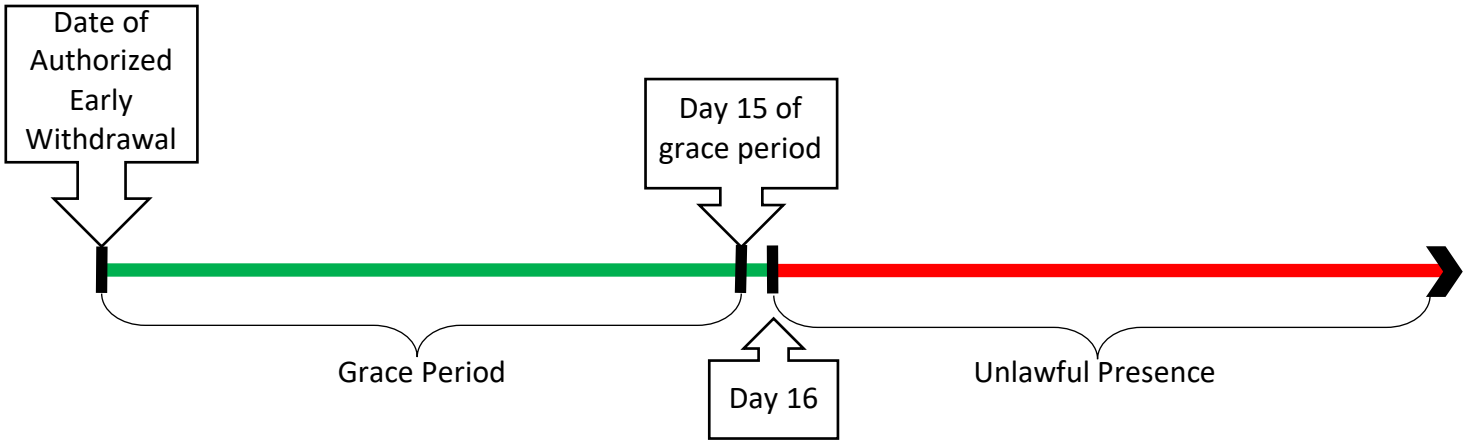
Reinstatement: A student who has violated their F-1/J-1 status may request to regain lawful F-1/J-1 status through a process called Reinstatement, at the discretion of United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS)

# Unlawful Presence & Grace Period

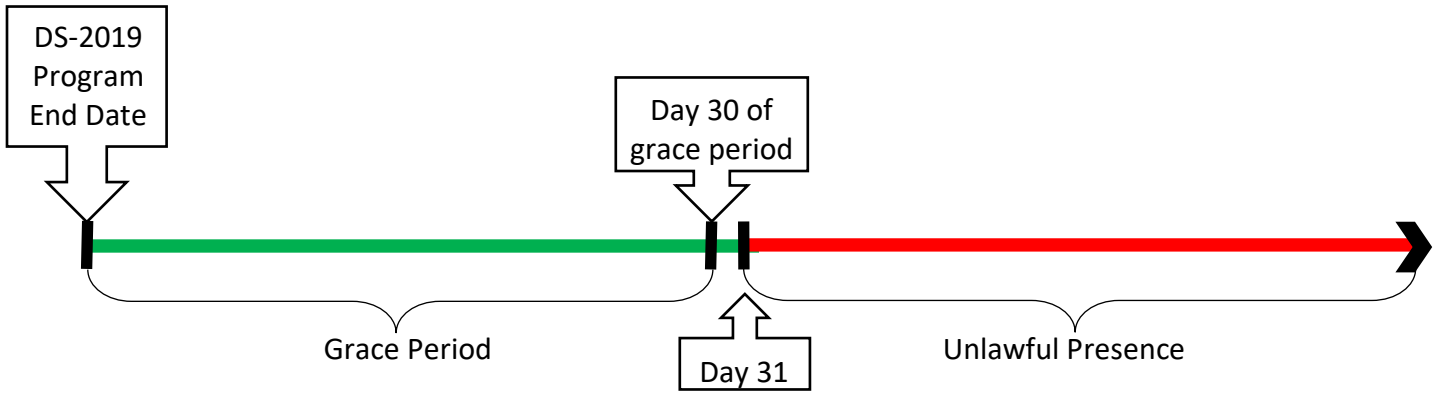
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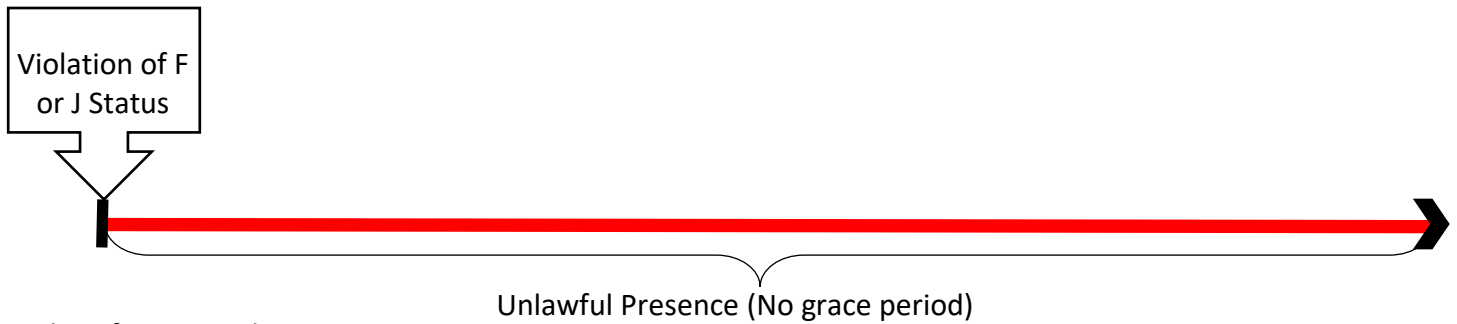
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F/J STATUS VIOLATION



Examples of status violations:

- Failure to maintain full course of study
- Failure to maintain good academic standing
- Engaging in unauthorized employment
- Failure to file for a Program Extension to extend I-20