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# B-1 & B-2 Visa Holders

Visitors for Business or Tourism



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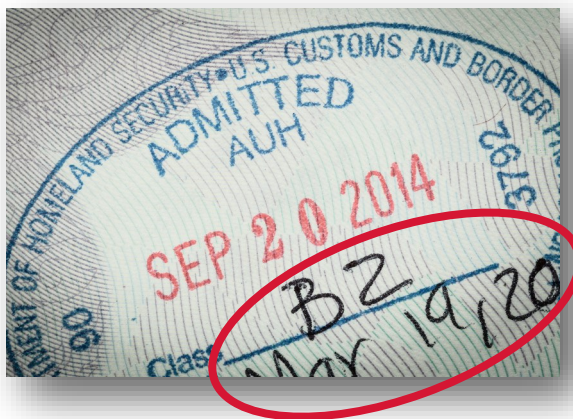
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## A Word of Caution About Your Lawful Status

When you were granted admission to the United States by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at your Port of Entry (POE) to the United States, an **Admission Stamp** was placed in your passport.

Your Admission Stamp shows the date you entered the U.S., and notes your visa class and your **Admit Until Date**.



**Admit Until Date** = the date by which you must exit the United States

You must depart the U.S. **on or before** the date indicated on the Admission Stamp in your passport. If you fail to depart the U.S. on time you will be **out-of-status**. Under U.S. law, the visas of travelers who are out-of-status are automatically voided. Failure to depart the United States on time may also result in ineligibility to receive a visa to enter the U.S. in the future.

For information about applying to extend your stay in the United States, please visit:

[www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/C1en.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/C1en.pdf)

## Your Visa Class

(B-1 / B-2 VISITOR)

Your visa was issued to you by the United States Consulate based on the information that you presented on your visa application and during your visa interview.

Your visa (B-1/B-2 VISITOR) allows you to be lawfully present in the United States for the **SPECIFIC** reason that you presented to the U.S. Consulate both on your visa application and during your visa interview (Visitor for Business or Visitor for Tourism).

While you are in the United States, engaging in activities that are specific to a visa class other than B-1/B-2 could result in the loss of lawful status.

↪ B-1 and B-2 Visitor Visas are issued *specifically* for **temporary** presence in the United States for:

- ↪ Business
- ↪ Tourism
- ↪ Pleasure
- ↪ Visiting

For more information about your B-1/B-2 Visitor Visa, please visit:

[travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html)

**Please Note:** maintaining your lawful presence/status in the United States is **YOUR** personal responsibility.

## Study Restrictions on B-Visitors

- ◆ B-Visas are issued *specifically* for temporary presence in the United States for business, tourism, pleasure, or visiting.
  - ◆ B-Visa holders are **NOT** eligible to enroll in **any** academic or credit-bearing classes, or in **any program of study**.
    - ◆ This restriction of the B-Visa is **NOT** negotiable.
- ◆ B-Visitors may **ONLY** engage in casual, short-term, recreational or avocational classes.
  - recreational:** an activity done for enjoyment      **avocational:** an activity done as a hobby

B-Visitors who want to enroll in academic, credit-bearing classes or in a program of study **MUST** change their visa status to F-1 or M-1 Student status in order to become eligible to enroll.

B-Visitors may depart the United States and apply for a student visa at the U.S. Consulate, or they may remain in the U.S. and apply for a Change of Status (COS).

**CAUTION – Change of Status:** A Change of Status (COS) can take from 6 to 9 months (*or longer*). B-Visitors **must** remain in **lawful** B-1/B-2 status for the full duration of the COS process **and** until the beginning of their program of study; this could require filing multiple *Extension of Status* applications with USCIS.

For more information, please visit: [studyinthestates.dhs.gov/change-of-status](http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/change-of-status)

## English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at Kansas City Kansas Community College is a **program of study** offered by the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences academic division of KCKCC.

- ⇒ ESOL is a *program of study* that is **neither** recreational **nor** avocational.
- ⇒ B-1 & B-2 Visitor visa holders are **NOT** eligible to enroll in the ESOL program at KCKCC.

## Allowable Enrollment

B-1 and B-2 Visitors may take courses offered through **Continuing and Adult Education** at Kansas City Kansas Community College.

The courses offered by *Continuing and Adult Education* are casual, short-term recreational and avocational courses, and meet the specified criteria for the enrollment of B-Visa holders.

⇒ **B-Visitors may enroll in *Continuing and Adult Education* courses.**

⇒ Continuing and Adult Education is located in the Continuing Education Building (CEB), where students may:

- ⇒ Acquire information about CEB courses
- ⇒ Enroll in CEB courses
  - ⇒ Students may also enroll in CEB courses over the phone at **(913) 288-7680**

⇒ To enroll in Continuing and Adult Education courses, students need to provide the following information to the Continuing and Adult Education staff:

- ⇒ Name
- ⇒ Date of Birth
- ⇒ Address
- ⇒ Telephone number