## INS QUICK NOTES: QUESTIONS & ANSWERS I-20

1. Who issues the I-20?

THE APPROVED UNIVERSITY

2. Where is the I-20 issued?

THE SCHOOL SENDS THE I-20 INFORMATION TO DEPT OF HOMELAND SECURITY VIA THE SEVIS PROGRAM; THE SCHOOL THEN PRINTS THE I-20 AND THEN MAILS OR GIVES IT TO THE STUDENT.

3. What color and size is the I-20?

IT IS A WHITE THREE-PAGE DOCUMENT, SIZE ABOUT 8x11.

4. Where is the I-20 to be kept?

KEEP THE I-20 WITH THE PASSPORT WHILE WITHIN THE USA.

5. What is the admission number on the I-20?

IT IS THE ORIGINAL I-94 NUMBER.

6. How long is the I-20 to be kept?

**FOREVER** 

7. When is a new I-20 issued?

NEW ONES ARE ISSUED IF IT IS LOST, THERE IS A CHANGE OF MAJOR, DEGREE OR LEVEL OF STUDIES, TRANSFER AND REINSTATEMENT, ETC.

8. What is the purpose of the I-20?

THE I-20 ALLOWS A STUDENT TO STAY IN THE USA AND INDICATES THE END DATE ALLOWED FOR THE STUDENT.

9. What should a student do if the I-20 is about to expire?

THIRTY DAYS BEFORE AN I-20 IS TO EXPIRE IT MUST BE RENEWED IN THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE. ASK FOR CURRENT PROCEDURES AT THAT TIME.

10. What is the new bar code on the SEVIS I-20?

ALL SEVIS I-20S HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL ID IN THE FORM OF A BAR CODE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF PAGE 1. THIS NUMBER WILL NEVER CHANGE FOR THE STUDENT.