Optional Practical Training
Temporary employment directly related to the practice of law. You must have been enrolled for one year to become employed with OPT. OPT can be requested while enrolled or before your program end date.

Curricular Practical Training
Alternative work/study, internship, cooperative education, or any other type of required internship or practicum that is offered by sponsoring employers through cooperative agreements with the school.

On-Campus Employment
Employment on-campus such as a TA or RA. A student cannot work on campus after graduation.

Off-Campus Employment
Employment that is for severe economic hardship.

Entering the United States
You will need the following to enter the United States:
* An I-20 from Florida Coastal;
* Your Passport, valid for at least six months beyond the date of your expected stay;
* Your Visa (not applicable to Canadian residents); and;
* Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee and have a copy of your paper receipt—Form I-797.

In addition, it is strongly recommended that you also hand carry the following documentation:
* Evidence of financial resources;
* Evidence of student status, such as recent tuition receipts and transcripts.

Your Responsibility While Enrolled
* Enroll in a full course of study at the beginning of every session
* Seek the approval of your DSO before engaging in employment or practical training
* Consult with your DSO before dropping a full course of study for any reason
* Report address changes to your DSO within 10 days of a change
* Report any change in financial support to your DSO
* Report any change of academic status to your DSO
* Notify your DSO prior to traveling outside of the United States, upon applying for change of nonimmigrant status, upon approval of an adjustment of status to an immigrant.
* Consult your DSO to extend your program
* Notify your DSO if you intend to transfer
* Notify your DSO about changes in dependent status

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LEAVING THE UNITED STATES

Upon completion of your Juris Doctorate degree, you have a number of options:

1. Optional Practical Training
   
   You may participate in optional practical training (OPT) which allows you to work in the United States up to 14 months after your program end date; or

2. Transfer
   
   You can transfer to a different program at another school; or

3. Leave the country
   
   You have 60 days from your program end date to leave the United States.

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