What is SEVIS?

SEVIS (pronounced SEE-viss) is the system that Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) uses to track international students and their dependents from the time of the production of the initial visa document to the individual’s program completion or departure from the United States. There are two main components in SEVIS: (1) visa document production; and (2) reporting “events”.

Examples of reportable “events” for students include:

- Registration each semester
- Full-time enrollment
- Residential address changes
- Changes of degree program
- Completion of program
- Dependent information
- Work authorization requests such as CPT and OPT