

Idaho State University welcomes applications from international students to our graduate programs. The Clinical Psychology PhD, Clinical Psychology PsyD, and Psychological Sciences (Experimental Psychology) PhD programs are structured to take approximately five years to complete.

In July 2026, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued a final regulation that would replace the current Duration of Status framework for F-1 students and J-1 exchange visitors with fixed periods of admission of no more than four years at a time. A federal court blocked the regulation before it took effect, and the existing Duration of Status rules remain in place while litigation continues.

If the regulation or a similar requirement takes effect in the future, students in programs extending beyond their authorized period of admission could be required to apply to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for an Extension of Stay. This could involve an additional filing fee, supporting documentation, processing time, and potentially biometrics or an interview. The four-year admission limit in the postponed regulation would not limit the academic program itself to four years.

Because immigration requirements may change during a multi-year doctoral program, international applicants are encouraged to review the International Programs Office's current guidance on [F-1 and J-1 Rule Changes](#). ISU will continue to provide updated information as developments occur.