

## F-1 DEGREE COMPLETION AND DEPARTURE FORM

Congratulations on the completion of your studies at the University of Houston. We wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Please fill out the following information to complete your F-1 record upon leaving the U.S.

\*I completed my UH degree in Spring / Summer / Fall (circle one) of 20\_\_.

**My Date of Departure Is:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Initial the statements below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that when I depart the U.S. after my degree completion, and without taking any other actions to maintain status, I forfeit the rest of my 60 grace period and cannot re-enter on the current I-20.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will lose my eligibility to apply for OPT if I depart the U.S. after my degree completion.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I fail to leave the U.S. by the end of my 60 day grace period, I will be in violation of my F-1 status.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to remain at the University of Houston for further study at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to transfer my SEVIS record for study at another institution following the completion of my degree.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to remain in the U.S. for Optional Practical Training and I am forfeiting any additional time of OPT that I may have left.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included the flight itinerary of my departure with this form. (If you are driving across the border to Mexico or Canada, please provide a statement on what day that you will be exiting the U.S.)

**By filling out and signing this form, I understand that leaving the U.S. will result in the completion of my F-1 SEVIS record. I will not be eligible for OPT or to return on my current UH I-20 and I will have forfeited any additional time of OPT that I may have left. To begin a new program of study, I will need to apply for admissions and receive a new I-20 from admissions that includes a new SEVIS ID and SEVIS fee payment. This may also require you to apply for a new F-1 VISA prior to returning to the U.S.**

**By signing below you have stated that you understand the above information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UH ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_