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## OU can host international students, scholars

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"There has been a campus-wide SEVIS task force working diligently for the past five months to ensure Oakland University's compliance with the new regulations and to ensure that we have the proper procedures in place to utilize the new system," said David J. Archbold, director of International Students and Scholars.

The SEVIS system, which was implemented last month, requires every institution that admits F-1 or hosts J-1 students to share demographic, academic and immigration related information electronically with the INS. Institutions not compliant by Feb. 15 can no longer issue documents needed to bring international students and scholars to their campuses.

The implementation of the new electronic track system was mandated by the passage of the United States Patriot Act of 2001. The SEVIS system will monitor the progress of all F-1 and J-1 students during their studies and subsequent practical training at Oakland University.

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