Fall 2020 Guidance for Continuing F-1 Students with Active SEVIS Record / I-20 Issue Reason as 'Continued Attendance'

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**Before September 2, 2020:**
- Enroll full-time or have an approved ISS Reduced Course Load (RCL)
  1. You can maintain your F-1 immigration status inside the U.S.
  2. Enroll full-time for Fall 2020: In-person or Remote (No credit limit)

### Will you stay in the U.S. for the fall semester?
- **YES**
  - Take a gap semester or year (no UW-Madison enrollment)
    - Discuss this option with your academic advisor or graduate program coordinator first
    1. You must be outside the U.S.
    2. You may need to apply for re-entry admission to UW-Madison
    3. Your F-1 immigration record cannot remain active during your leave of absence.
    - You must complete the ISS Leave of Absence form in your TerraDotta portal.
  - Are you going to take a gap semester/year?
    - **YES**
      - Before September 2, 2020:
        - Enroll full-time or have an approved ISS Reduced Course Load (RCL)
          1. You can maintain your F-1 immigration status outside the U.S.
          2. Enroll full-time for Fall 2020: In-person or Remote (No credit limit)
    - **NO**
      - To be eligible to enter the U.S., you must enroll full-time for Fall 2020 (No in-person requirement)

### Are you currently in the United States?
- **YES**
  - Is your F-1 visa valid?
    1. You will need to renew your visa prior to returning to the U.S. Routine visa services (including F-1 visas) may be suspended or delayed
    2. Enroll full-time (no in-person enrollment requirement)
    3. Review global travel advisories
  - Will you be returning to UW-Madison in Fall 2020?
    - **YES**
    - **NO**
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### Are you currently in the United States?
- **NO**
  - Are you going to take a gap semester/year?
    - **YES**
    - **NO**
      - If you traveled to the U.S., will you have been in or travelled to any of the countries on the list below within 14 days of arrival in the U.S.?
        - View current list of Travelers Prohibited from Entering the U.S.
        - "If you are not sure about the answer, please check this information with your airline"

### If you travel to the U.S.
- **YES**
  - Students returning to Madison via international or domestic air travel should follow the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) self-quarantine and monitoring guidelines.
  - Classes resume on September 2, 2020. We recommend arriving to UW-Madison the week of August 17 to ensure that you can complete the quarantine period prior to the start of the fall semester.

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