Fall 2021 Guidance for Continuing and Change of Level International Students with Program Start Date before September 8, 2021 and an Active SEVIS Record

Will you stay in the U.S. for the fall semester?

- **YES**
  - Enroll full-time for fall 2021. Change of level students only — complete ISO and ISS check-in.
  - CHOOSE ONE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021.
    1. Enroll full-time in remote/onlines credits. Your F-1 record can remain active.
       - A. Undergraduates—Fill out this intake form using your NetID login credentials
       - B. Graduates/professional students—Contact your Graduate Program Coordinator/Advisor for options
       - Submit the ISS Out of Country Reporting for fall 2021.
    2. Enroll part-time in remote/onlines credits. Your F-1 record cannot remain active (use the appropriate step in #1 above).
       - Submit the ISS Out of Country Reporting for fall 2021.
    3. Take a gap semester (no UW-Madison enrollment). Your F-1 record cannot remain active.
       - Submit the ISS Out of Country Reporting for fall 2021.

- **NO**

Are you currently in the U.S.?

- **YES**
  - Enroll full-time for fall 2021. Change of level students only — complete ISO and ISS check-in.

- **NO**
  - Enroll part-time in remote/onlines credits. Your F-1 record cannot remain active (use the appropriate step in #1 above).
  - Submit the ISS Out of Country Reporting for fall 2021.
  - Take a gap semester (no UW-Madison enrollment). Your F-1 record cannot remain active.
  - Submit the ISS Out of Country Reporting for fall 2021.

Is your F-1 visa valid?

- **YES**
  - Follow the YES channel. If you have been outside the U.S. for 5+ months, but your visa is not expired and you enrolled full-time for spring 2021.
  - If you are Canadian, please follow the NO channel.

- **NO**
  - Renew your visa prior to returning to the U.S. Routine visa services (including F-1 visas) may be suspended or delayed.
  - Review global travel advisories.

Will you be returning to campus in fall 2021?

- **YES**

- **NO**

If you cannot or choose not to enter the U.S. by September 8, 2021, CHOOSE ONE.

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2. Enroll part-time in remote/onlines credits. Your F-1 record cannot remain active (use the appropriate step in #1 above).
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**FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT TABLE**

Full-time enrollment or approved ISS Reduced Course Load (RCL) is required for your F-1 or J-1 immigration status.
- Undergraduate students: minimum 12 credits; minimum 9 credits “in-person”
- Graduate students: minimum 8 credits; minimum 5 credits “in-person”
- Graduate TA/PA 53%: minimum 6 credits; minimum 3 credits “in-person”
- Graduate TA/PA 50%: minimum 4 credits; minimum 1 credit “in-person”
- Graduate RA 33%-50%: minimum 8 credits; minimum 5 credits “in-person”
- Dissertation: minimum 3 credits; minimum 5 credits “in-person”
- ESL: 6 credits; minimum 6 credits “in-person”

**VIEW U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)**

Global travel advisories and current list of travelers prohibited from entering the U.S.
Read your airline carrier information closely for additional travel advisories. Please review the National Interest Exception information at www.cis.gov/​adjudications/​2019-novel-coronavirus-travel-restrictions-
national-interest-exceptions-

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