Spring 2022 Guidance for Continuing and Change of Level International Students with Program Start Date before January 25, 2022 and an Active SEVIS Record

Are you currently in the U.S.?

Yes

1. Enroll full-time for spring 2022.
2. Change of level students only — complete ISO and ISS check-in.

No

1. Enroll full-time in remote/online credits. Your F-1 record can remain active. Please work with your academic advisor or graduate coordinator to enroll full-time to maintain your SEVIS record.
   - Complete the F-1 Out of Country Reporting form after enrolling full-time remote/online for the Spring 2022 term.
2. Enroll part-time in remote/online credits. Your F-1 record cannot remain active.
   - Submit the F-1 Out of Country Reporting form for Spring 2022 to ISS can make the appropriate immigration update.
3. Take a gap semester (no UW-Madison enrollment). Your F-1 record cannot remain active.
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Is your F-1 visa valid?

Yes

1. Renew your visa prior to returning to the U.S. Routine visa services (including F-1 visas) may be suspended or delayed.
2. Review global travel advisories.

No

1. Follow the NO 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 2022 if you are Canadian, please follow the NO channel.

Will you be returning to campus in Spring 2022?

Yes

1. Enroll full-time for fall 2021. See the enrollment table. Change of level students only — complete ISO & ISS check-in.

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FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT TABLE

Full-time enrollment or approved ISS Reduced Course Load (RCL) is required for your F-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 33%: 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 3 credits "in-person"
- ESL: 6 credits; minimum 6 credits "in-person"

We encourage you to review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s website where you can answer questions to “find out if you can board a flight to the United States”. You can also review any of the following information:
- Information for non-U.S. citizen, non-U.S. immigrants
- Airline Checklist for Flights into the U.S.

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