

# Spring 2022 Guidance for New International Students with **Program Start Date** of January 2022 and Initial Status or Transfer Pending **I-20 Issue Reason**

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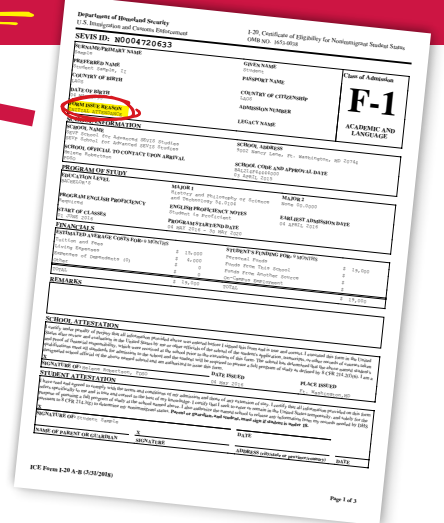
Updates will be posted to the ISS COVID-19

UPDATES page:

[iss.wisc.edu/students/current-students/health/covid-19-updates](https://iss.wisc.edu/students/current-students/health/covid-19-updates).

U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Global

Health Advisories: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html)



## Are you currently in the U.S.?

**NO**

**Is your F-1 visa valid?**

\*If you are Canadian, please follow the **YES** channel

**NO**

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.

**YES**

**Will you be returning to campus in Spring 2022?**

**NO**

**If you cannot enter the U.S. by January 25, 2022 CHOOSE ONE.** Your I-20 program start date must be updated to Fall 2022 or later.

1. Enroll full-time or part-time in remote/online credits.
  - Submit the [F-1 Out of Country Reporting](#) form for Spring 2022 for ISS to update your I-20 program start date.
2. Request to change your semester of admission and do not enroll for Spring 2022. You may have to reapply for admission. Please contact your unit below for readmission information.
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Undergraduate students: Contact [onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu](mailto:onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu)

Graduate/Professional students: Contact your program coordinator

VISP/ Special students: Contact [VISP@dcs.wisc.edu](mailto:VISP@dcs.wisc.edu)

**YES**

**Before January 25, 2022 and after you arrive in the U.S.:**

1. Complete [International Student Orientation \(ISO\)](#) and ISS check-in in Terra Dotta.
2. Enroll full-time for Spring 2022.

See the enrollment table.

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.](#)

**YES**

**Will you stay in the U.S. for the Spring 2022 semester?**

**NO**

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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”
- Dissertator: minimum 3 credits; minimum 3 credits “in-person”
- ESL: 6 credits; minimum 6 credits “in-person”



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