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.

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

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.

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.

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”

Enroll full-time or part-time in remote/online credits.
- Submit F-1 Out of Country Reporting form for Spring 2022 for ISS to update your I-20 program start date.
- 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.

Undergraduate students: Contact onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu
Graduate/Professional students: Contact your program coordinator
VISP/ Special students: Contact VISP@dcs.wisc.edu

If you cannot enter the U.S. by January 25, 2022 CHOOSE ONE.
1. Complete International Student Orientation (ISO) and ISS check-in in Terra Dotta.
2. Enroll full-time for Spring 2022.

1. 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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If you cannot enter the U.S. by January 25, 2022 or later.
1. Complete International Student Orientation (ISO) and ISS check-in in Terra Dotta.
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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.