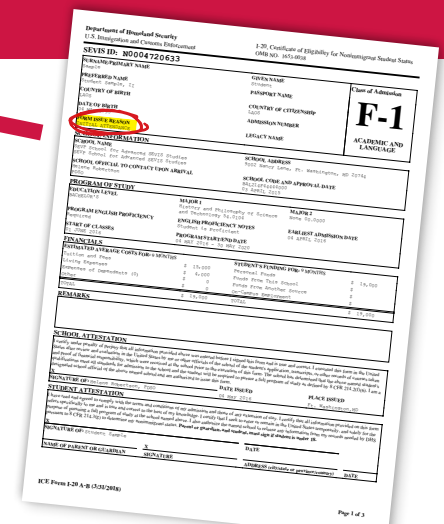# Guidance for New International Students with Initial Status or Transfer Pending **I-20 Issue Reason**

International Student Services
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON

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.

Will you be returning to campus for the upcoming term?

NO

If you cannot enter the U.S. by your program start date **CHOOSE ONE**. Your I-20 program start date must be updated to a later term.

1. Enroll full-time or part-time in remote/online credits.
   • Submit the F-1 Out of Country Reporting form for ISS to update your I-20 program start date.
2. Request to change your semester of admission and do not enroll for Fall 2022. **You may have to reapply for admission.** Please contact your unit below for readmission information.
   • Submit the F-1 Out of Country Reporting form for ISS to update your I-20 program start date.

Undergraduate students: Contact onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu

Graduate/Professional students: Contact your program coordinator

VISP/ Special students: Contact VISP@dcs.wisc.edu

YES

Before your I-20 start date 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.

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 current COVID-19 guidelines.
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 upcoming term?

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"

Full-time enrollment is REQUIRED for students beginning or ending in summer