

On May 11, 2023, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) terminated its Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) guidance to coincide with the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency and Public Health Emergency. Beginning Fall 2023, all Active F-1 international students must be enrolled in at least nine (9) fully in-person or in-person/partially online courses (hybrid) as part of their 12-unit minimum, full-time course load in order to enter and stay in the U.S. This is the same rule that was in effect prior to March 2020, when guidance changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have already enrolled in your Fall 2023 classes, you may need to revise your schedule if you do not meet this requirement.

Please review the FAQ's below regarding this update:

**How many in-person classes am I required to take if I have an active I-20?**

Starting this Fall 2023 semester (and moving forward), international students on an Active I-20 are **required to enroll in at least 9 units in person.**

**After enrolling in 9 units in-person, may I take more online classes if I choose?**

Yes, once you have reached 12 units (with at least 9 in person), you may enroll in more online classes if you'd like.

**If this is my final semester, can my final class be taken online?**

No, you will need to be in at least 1 in person class if authorized for final semester Reduced Course Load (RCL).

**Do Hybrid (Partially online) classes count as "In-Person"?**

Yes, hybrid courses (partially online), or any classes with at least one in person meeting requirement, will count as in-person.

**What defines an online class?**

Online classes are defined as courses that are 100% online, no physical attendance is required for class meetings, exams, labs, etc..

**How many online classes am I permitted to take?**

You are limited to no more than one online class or 3 units which can count toward your full time (12 unit) requirement. You are permitted to take more online classes once this requirement has been met.

**Am I allowed to take online classes from my home country if I am a current international student?**

Yes, however your current I-20 will not remain in active status. If you choose to re-enter the U.S. later you will need a new I-20.

**If Summer 2023 is my first semester, how many units have to be in-person?**

Summer 2023, first semester students must have at least 3 units in person. The rest can be taken online.

**If I am finishing my program this summer, can I take my final classes online?**

No, you will need to be in at least 1 in person class if Summer 2023 is your final term.

**If I am taking, Summer classes, and it is not my first or final semester, may I take my classes online?**

Yes, continuing students may take online classes in the Summer and are not required to take any in-person.