## Normal F-1 Regulations

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### SEVIS Record Status
- **Students cannot maintain an Active SEVIS record if they are outside of the US for the Fall or Spring semester.**
  - Exception: Study abroad
- **Active**
  - Students SEVIS records can remain Active even if they are studying outside of the US.
- **Initial**
  - Students’ status will become Active after arrival in the US.
  - Note: Students must obtain permission from their academic program to begin online from outside of the US.
- **Transfer pending**
  - Students’ status will become Active after arrival in the US.
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### Online Coursework
- **Students can only take one online course per semester that counts toward full-time enrollment.**
  - Example: Students who are required to take 12 credits per semester must take at least 9 credits in-person and can take 3 or more credits online.
- **Students may take all online classes or a combination of online and in-person classes.**
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- **Students must take at least one in-person class.**
  - If WashU switches to fully online instruction during the semester, new students may take all online classes and remain in the US.
- **Students may take all online classes, pending approval from their academic program.**

### Part-time/Full-time enrollment
- **Students must be enrolled full-time every Fall and Spring semester.**
  - Note: Students in their final semester before graduation who have only a few courses remaining to complete their program can apply for Reduced Course Load Authorization and be enrolled part-time.
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### Remarks on I-20s
- **No remarks are required.**
  - Continuing F-1 students who will be outside the US for FL20 should have the following comment in the remarks field of their I-20: "Outside the United States due to COVID-19."
  - OISS will give students more information about obtaining an I-20 with these remarks.
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### CPT/OPT Eligibility
- **Students must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT.**
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  - Note: Students graduating in FL20 must return to the US before their I-20 Program End Date in order to apply for OPT to work in the US after graduation. Students cannot apply for OPT from outside of the US.
- **Students must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT.**
  - New F-1 students take classes online and remain outside of the US during FL20, then enter the US in SP21 and remain Active after arrival in the US.
  - Note: SEVP guidance is not yet clear if CPT/OPT can be authorized before SP22.
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