

 OISS	Normal F-1 Regulations	Fall 2020 ICE Guidance for F-1 Students					
	All students	Continuing F-1 students studying in the US in FL20	Continuing F-1 students studying outside the US in FL20	New F-1 students studying in the US in FL20	New F-1 students studying outside the US in FL20	New F-1 students transferring in from another US university studying in the US in FL20	New F-1 students transferring in from another US university studying outside the US in FL20
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	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 and check-in with OISS.	Initial From an immigration standpoint, Students may be able to begin their program online from outside of the US, however, their SEVIS status will remain Initial and their I-20 will have a deferred start date for SP21. 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 and check-in with OISS.	Transfer pending From an immigration standpoint, students may be able to begin their program online from outside of the US. However, OISS will have to request a data fix in SEVIS in order to change the I-20 initial start date to January 2021. Note: Students must obtain permission from their academic program to begin online from outside of the US.
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.	Students may take all online classes.	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.	Students who have remained in the US since March 9, 2020 are eligible to take all online classes. Students who left the US after March 9, 2020 and return for FL20 will be required to 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.	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.	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.	Students must be enrolled full-time every Fall and Spring semester.	Students may be enrolled part-time or full-time, depending on their academic program's policies.	Students must be enrolled full-time every Fall and Spring semester.	Students may be enrolled part-time or full-time, depending on their academic program's policies.
Remarks on I-20s	No remarks are required.	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.	No remarks are required.	No remarks are required, as I-20 start date is deferred.	No remarks are required.	No remarks are required, as I-20 start date is deferred.
CPT/OPT Eligibility	Students must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT.	Students must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT.	Students must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT. 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.	Students must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT. Note: New F-1 students take classes online and remain outside of the US during FL20, then enter the US in SP21 will not be eligible for CPT or OPT until SP22.	Students must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT.	Students must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT. Note: SEVP guidance is not yet clear if CPT/OPT can be authorized before SP22.