

Fall 2021 COVID-19 F-1 Visa Student Enrollment Guidance

Fall 2021 Guidance for Continuing (*Enrolled on or Before March 2020*) International Students in Active F-1 Status:

I am currently in the US, enrolled at IVC and have active F-1 status. I will remain in the US for the fall 2021 semester:

You may continue to take online classes. You may also choose to take hybrid/in-person classes in the fall semester. Either way, you will maintain an active F-1 status as long as you enroll in and complete 12 units in the fall 2021 semester.

All F-1 visa students remaining in the US in the fall 2021 semester must purchase the mandatory IVC health insurance prior to registration. Please visit [Health Insurance Renewal](#) for more information.

I am currently in the US, enrolled at IVC and have active F-1 status. I will be outside the US for the fall 2021 semester.

You may continue to take online classes. You will maintain an active F-1 status as long as you enroll in and complete 12 units in the fall 2021 semester.

F-1 visa students who will remain outside the US in the fall 2021 semester may be eligible for a Health Insurance Exemption and have access to registration. Please visit [Health Insurance Renewal](#) for more information.

I am currently outside the US, enrolled at IVC and have active F-1 status. I plan to return to the US in the fall 2021 semester.

You may take on-line or hybrid courses at IVC in the fall 2021 semester. You will maintain an active F-1 status as long as you enroll in and complete 12 units in the fall 2021 semester.

All F-1 visa students who will be in the US in the fall 2021 semester must purchase the mandatory IVC health insurance prior to registration. Please visit [Health Insurance Renewal](#) for more information.

To re-enter the US: You must have a valid F-1 visa, passport and a travel signature on your I-20 (dated within the last year) in order to return to the US. The US Center for Disease Control also requires proof of recent COVID-19 negative test in order to board a US bound airplane. Detailed information including, specific type of COVID-19 test and timing requirements can be found at the [CDC Federal Register Notice](#) under the "FAQ" document.

I am currently outside the US, enrolled at IVC and have active F-1 status. I will remain outside the US in the fall 2021 semester.

You may continue to take online classes. You will maintain an active F-1 status as long as you enroll in and complete 12 units in the fall 2021 semester.

F-1 visa students who will remain outside the US in the fall 2021 semester may be eligible for a Health Insurance Exemption and have access to registration. Please visit [Health Insurance Renewal](#) for more information.

Fall 2021 Guidance for New/Continuing International Students (First Enrolled in Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021 or Summer 2021 Semesters) but in Not in F-1 Status:

I am currently outside the US in non F-1 status (includes students who began at IVC in summer 2020, fall 2020 and spring 2021 from outside the US), but I will enter the US for the fall 2021 semester and take classes at IVC:

You may not take 100% online classes. You must enroll in AND complete **at least one hybrid or in-person class** at the IVC campus in the fall 2021 semester in order to maintain status. You may only enter the U.S. if you are able to obtain an F-1 visa.

All F-1 visa students remaining in the US in the fall 2021 semester must purchase the mandatory IVC health insurance prior to registration. Please visit [Health Insurance Renewal](#) for more information.

I am currently outside the US in non F-1 status (includes students who began at IVC in summer 2020, fall 2020 and spring 2021 from outside the US), and I will remain outside the US for the fall 2021 semester and take classes at IVC:

You may continue to take online classes; however, you will not have active F-1 status. Therefore, the number of classes you take is your choice. Please read the class schedule carefully to be sure that your on-line class does not have any in-person requirements.

F-1 visa students who will remain outside the US in the fall 2021 semester may be eligible for a Health Insurance Exemption and have access to registration. Please visit [Health Insurance Renewal](#) for more information.

Fall 2021 Guidance for New Admits for Fall 2021:

I am a fall 2021 admit to IVC already in the US and am transferring my SEVIS record to IVC:

You may enroll in 100% online classes so long as you do not depart the U.S. before your IVC transfer is completed in SEVIS. You may also enroll in hybrid classes or in-person classes at IVC. All students in the US must enroll in and complete 12 units in the fall 2021 semester.

All F-1 visa students remaining in the US in the fall 2021 semester must purchase the mandatory IVC health insurance prior to registration. Please visit [Health Insurance Renewal](#) for more information.

I am a fall 2021 admitted student currently outside the US and I wish to enter the US with an initial IVC I-20:

You may not take 100% online classes. You must enroll in 12 units, including **at least one hybrid or in-person class** at the IVC campus, AND complete 12 units in the fall 2021 semester in order to maintain status. You may only enter the U.S. if you are able to obtain an F-1 visa.

All F-1 visa students remaining in the US in the fall 2021 semester must purchase the mandatory IVC health insurance prior to registration. Please visit [Health Insurance Renewal](#) for more information.

I am a fall 2021 admitted student currently outside the US and I will remain outside the US for the fall 2021 semester:

You are able to take on-line classes from overseas in the fall 2021 semester; however, you will not have active F-1 status. Therefore, the number of classes you take is your choice. Please read the class schedule carefully to be sure that your on-line class does not have any in-person requirements.

You may also choose to defer your admission to our spring 2022 semester. If you choose to defer your admission to our spring 2022 semester, please contact your International Student Advisor for more information.

Special Topics:

I am currently outside the US on an Authorized Early Withdrawal and want to return to IVC for the fall 2021 semester:

Please consult with Maria Lopez at mlopez@ivc.edu for instructions on how to return to the US. The way that you will be able to return to the US will depend on how long you have been outside the country.

I will be transferring to university or another school after the spring semester:

If you are transferring to university or another school: Please complete your SEVIS transfer request within your 60-day grace period. Please email a copy of your acceptance letter and request for transfer to David Chang at dchang24@ivc.edu. Transfer requests will be processed within 3-5 business days.

Please contact your new university/college to determine their COVID-19 enrollment requirements based on their mode of instruction for the fall 2021 semester.

I am currently in the US and do not intend to enroll in the fall 2021 semester at IVC:

If you are requesting an Authorized Early Withdrawal for one semester: Please consult with Maria Lopez at mlopez@ivc.edu for instructions.

If you will withdraw from IVC and will not return: Please submit your withdrawal request and flight departure information to David Chang at dchang24@ivc.edu. Your SEVIS record will be completed and you will need to depart the US within 15 days.

Additional Questions???:

The International Student Program will also be hosting Zoom “F-1 Visa: Return to IVC Town Halls” each month for students to learn information and ask questions. Dates and registration information below:

F-1 Visa: Return to IVC Town Halls

Thursday, June 3
5:00pm – 6:00pm (PDT)
[Register Here](#)

Wednesday, July 7
9:00am – 10:00am (PDT)
[Register Here](#)

Monday, July 26
5:00pm – 6:00pm (PDT)
[Register Here](#)

You can also contact the International Student Program during our [Virtual Drop-In Hours](#), schedule an appointment with your immigration advisor through the [Virtual Appointment Lobby](#) or contact iso@ivc.edu.