



## Immigration Guidance for Current Students (Fall 2021)

### Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) I am a current active F-1 student who is in the U.S., I plan to enroll for the fall semester? How does this rule affect me?
- 2) I am a current F-1 student who is in the U.S. and currently enrolled in a full online program of study? How does this rule affect me?
- 3) I am a continuing student, do I need an updated new I-20 to apply for a visa to enter the U.S. for hybrid instruction?
- 4) I am a continuing student who is outside of the U.S., can OIA provide me with a letter for entry to the U.S. or for my visa appointment?
- 5) As a continuing student, can I receive my I-20 electronically?

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### 1) **I am a current active F-1 student who is inside the U.S. and I plan to enroll for the fall semester? How does this rule affect me?**

- Based on current rules by [U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement Services \(ICE\)](#), active F-1 students who are already in the U.S. *may enroll in classes that are hybrid, online or both*

### 2) **I am a current F-1 student who is the U.S. and I am currently enrolled in a full online program of study? How does this rule affect me?**

- Based on [ICE](#)'s current rule, active F-1 students who are already in the U.S. may enroll in classes offered in person, or hybrid or online.

### 3) **I am a continuing student, do I need an updated I-20 to apply for a visa to reenter the U.S. for hybrid instruction?**

- The OIA assumes that some embassies may still ask for an updated I-20 confirming that the school is engaging in a hybrid, online and face-to-face model of instruction. Thus, the OIA will be issuing I-20's to **new** students only. The new I-20 will include remarks that A&M-SA is offering an in-person, hybrid and online model of instruction. You will need to include this I-20 with your visa application and visa interview and or once you arrive at the at the U.S. port of entry to the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer.

To request an updated I-20 please email [international.affairs@tamusa.edu](mailto:international.affairs@tamusa.edu).





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**4) I am a continuing student who is outside of the U.S. Can OIA provide me with a letter for entry to the U.S. or for my visa appointment?**

Yes, please email [international.affairs@tamusa.edu](mailto:international.affairs@tamusa.edu) to request a letter for entry to the U.S. or your visa appointment.

**5) As a continuing student can I receive my I-20 electronically?**

- Yes, the OIA can issue you an electronic I-20. We will email you an I-20 to the email address you provided to the OIA. This is the same email address that is registered in the Student Exchange Visitor Information System Program (SEVIS). *Most students provided their personal email.*



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