



UCF Global Town Hall

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SEVP FALL 2020 GUIDANCE

UCF GLOBAL TOWN HALL SPEAKERS

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UCF GLOBAL TOWN HALL

AGENDA

- Update regarding litigation and the rescinded July 6 guidance
- Discuss how prior March 2020 guidance applies to UCF
- Questions & Answers with UCF Global and Attorney Blumberg

IT'S IMPORTANT TO BREATHE

- The past 1.5+ weeks have taken a toll
- Check-in with yourself and your fellow Global Knights
- Thousands of people, businesses, and organizations mobilized to advocate for international students
- You are not alone!

Counseling and Psychological Services

The background of the slide is a faded, high-angle photograph of a large, modern university atrium. The space is circular or semi-circular, with multiple levels and walkways. In the center of the ground floor, there is a large, circular logo for the University of Central Florida, featuring a stylized 'U' and 'C' intertwined, with the text 'UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA' and '1963' around the perimeter. The overall tone is light and professional.

SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STRESSORS



- Acculturation stress
- Language
- Homesickness
- High or unrealistic expectations to succeed or cope
- Loneliness and isolation
- Discrimination
- Pandemic/ Illness
- Crisis at home
- Fear of being made to go home to complete studies

YOU MAY BE EXPERIENCING

- Hopelessness
- Anger
- Frustration
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Sadness
- Feeling numb
- Fear
- Isolation
- Lack of concentration

COPING WITH TRAUMA/NEGATIVE STRESS

Ineffective Coping:

- Disengagement
- Avoidance
- Substance use

Positive Coping:

- **Acknowledge your emotions-** journaling, talking, etc.
- **Social support-** support groups, talking to friends, connect with family, etc.
- **Physical movement/exercise-** running, stretching, yoga, walking, etc.
- **Music/Artistic expression-** Painting, drawing, dance, play instrument, etc.
- **Activism-** Write blogs, posting on social media, protest, etc.
- **Spirituality/Faith-** Prayer, meditation, etc.
- **Meet with Mentors or program leaders**
- **REST-** take a break from social media/news, decrease responsibilities, etc.
- **Culturally competent counseling/Professional support /therapy**



UCF CAPS SERVICES

- **Services currently provided via telehealth**
- **Same day Service (just call CAPS);
24/7 access to speak to a counselor**
- Single Session/ One time consultation
- Initial Assessments
- Individual Counseling
- Groups therapy
- Crisis Counseling
- Therapist Assisted Online (TAO) web program (see CAPS website)
- Workshops on various topics (support space)



UCF CAPS SERVICES

LOCATION:

Counseling Building - Bldg #27 (Near Health Center)
***Currently providing services via telehealth**

TELEPHONE:

(407) 823-2811

WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.caps.sdes.ucf.edu

**HOURS OF
OPERATION:**

Monday-Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM EST

AFTER HOURS:

CAPS Hotline #5

UCF Victim Services
(407)-823-1200

Police

Local Hospitals

CRISIS/SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Call CAPS to speak to a counselor:** 407-823-2811:
 - Afterhours Hour Crisis Hotline: **Select #5**
- **UCF Student Care Services:** 407-823-5607;
caremanager@ucf.edu
- **UCF Victim Services Hotline:** 407-832-1200
 - Txt (407) 823-6868
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-8255
- **National Crisis Text Line:** Text HOME to 741741



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CAPS SUPPORT SPACES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

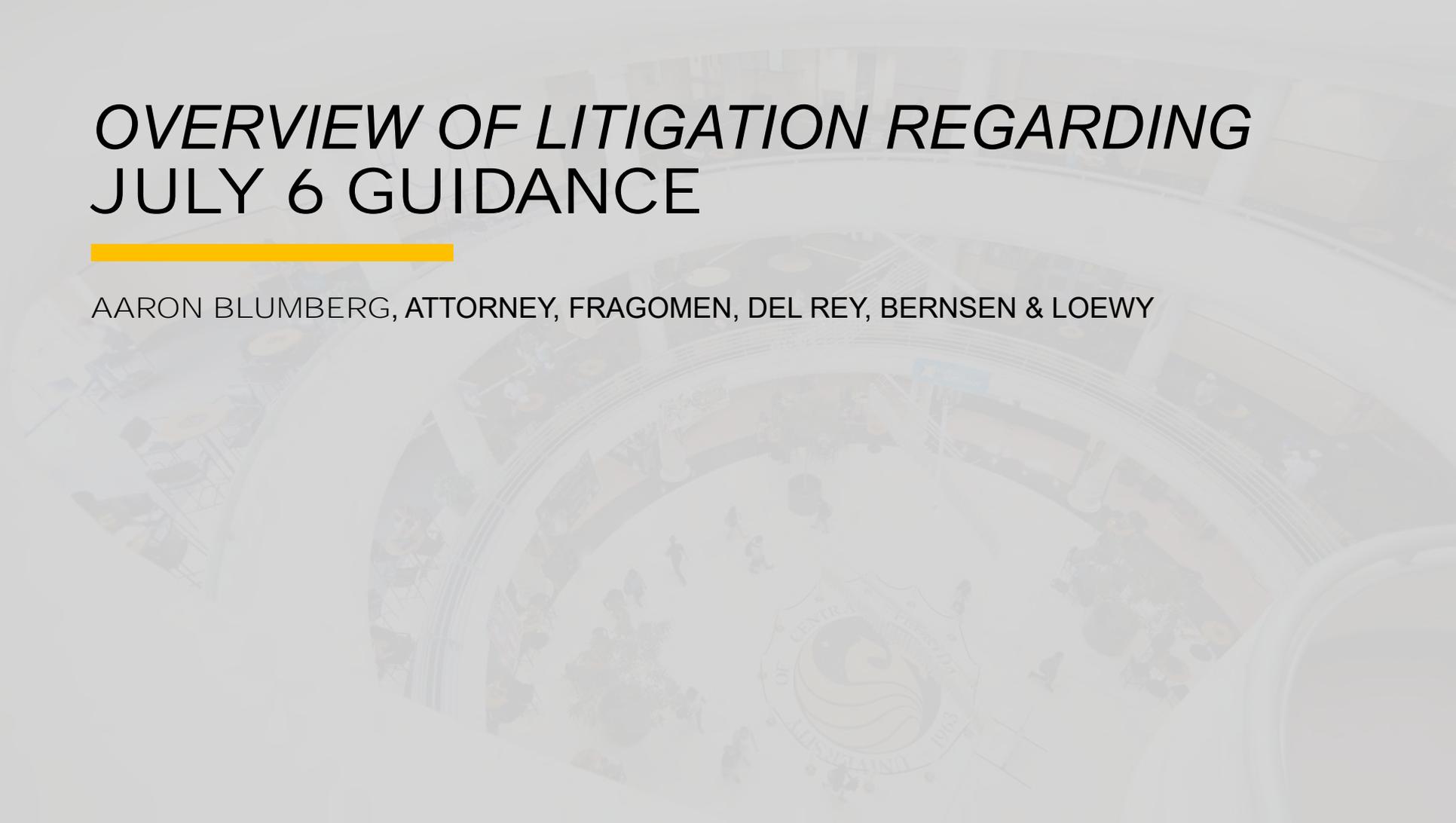


- Thursday, **July 23 from 10:30-11:30am** to obtain Zoom link
email: kelly.christensen@ucf.edu

Or call CAPS for information at: 407-823-2811



OVERVIEW OF LITIGATION REGARDING JULY 6 GUIDANCE



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KEY TERMS

SEVP: Student and Exchange Visitor Program

- Part of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security
- Responsible for SEVIS and F & M visa students

SEVIS: Student and Exchange Visitor Information System

- Government database used to report information about your program
- Used by UCF Global Designated School Advisors (DSOs) to issue your I-20

I-20

- Official document issued in SEVIS that indicates your eligibility for an F-1 visa

JULY 6 GUIDANCE RECAP: THREE CATEGORIES OF SCHOOLS

Fully Online

- Students must depart the U.S. and take classes from home or transfer to school offering in-person classes

Normal Operations

- Students follow normal F-1 regulations

Hybrid

- In-person and online courses offered
- Students need to take an in-person course

JULY 6 GUIDANCE RECAP: HYBRID

Hybrid

- In-person and online courses offered
- Students need to take an in-person course

- UCF met **SEVP's** definition of hybrid
- Students needed to take an in-person course
- Students could not keep an active SEVIS record if enrolled online from outside of the U.S.

BACK TO THE FUTURE: APPLYING MARCH 2020 GUIDANCE

Spring 2020

- Students can enroll full-time in online classes
- If outside the U.S., SEVIS record can remain active if enrolled full-time online

Summer 2020

- Students can enroll full-time in online classes
- If outside the U.S., SEVIS record can remain active if enrolled full-time online

Fall 2020

- Awaiting guidance, but we assume that the same guidance will apply

ASSUMPTIONS FOR FALL 2020 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Fall 2020 Assumptions

- Students can enroll full-time in any modality of classes
- If outside of the U.S., SEVIS record can remain active if enrolled full-time online

- These assumptions are **subject to change** pending SEVP guidance for Fall 2020.
- Stay tuned to your Knights email and UCF Global's FAQ page at <https://global.ucf.edu/coronavirus/> for updates.

CONSIDERATIONS

- March 2020 Guidance is incomplete and leaves many questions regarding Fall 2020
- Additional guidance and clarifications are expected in the coming days and weeks
- Changes may occur

HOW THE MARCH 2020 SEVP GUIDANCE APPLIES TO UCF

The following information is subject to change pending new guidance from SEVP.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS BY DEGREE PROGRAM

PROGRAM	TOTAL REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS
Bachelor's	12 credits
Master's	9 credits
Master's- Thesis Only	3 credits of thesis
Doctoral	9 credits
Doctoral- Passed Candidacy	3 credits of dissertation

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR UCF GLOBAL PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS
Intensive English Program (IEP)	5 IEP classes
Undergraduate Track	12 credit hours + 1 IEP class or 9 credit hours + 1 IEP classes 6 credit hours + 2 IEP classes
GAA 2 & GAA 3	14 credit hours
GAA- UI	12 credit hours

MAKING CAMPUS SAFE

PROTECTING OUR UCF COMMUNITY

UCF is taking all precautions to ensure face-to-face courses are safe, and social distance guidelines are followed.



Armor Up, Knights!
[UCF.EDU/CORONAVIRUS](https://ucf.edu/coronavirus)

IF YOU ARE STAYING IN THE U.S. FOR FALL 2020

- Your enrollment must meet the requirements of your program
- You do not need to depart the U.S.
- Follow regular F-1 regulations

This information is subject to change pending new guidance from SEVP.

IF YOU ARE ENROLLING ONLINE FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.

- Your enrollment must meet the requirements of your program in order to keep an Active SEVIS record

This information is subject to change pending new guidance from SEVP.

IF YOU ARE TAKING FALL 2020 OFF:

- Must submit Exit Form to UCF Global by **August 24**
- **SEVIS** record will be terminated for "Authorized Early Withdrawal" (leave of absence)
- Must depart the U.S. within 15 days of **SEVIS** record termination
- Not required to enroll in any classes
 - Thesis/Dissertation students may need to request a leave of absence from the College of Graduate Studies

SEVIS RECORD TERMINATION FOR AEW

- Authorized Early Withdrawal is a SEVIS record termination
- Used to end your SEVIS record before your program end date and allows you to avoid violating your F-1 status for not being enrolled full-time during the semester
- “Leave of absence”
- You will most likely need a new initial I-20 to return to the U.S. in a future semester
- Does not impact your ability to take online classes, earn academic credit, or achieve your degree!

NEW INITIAL I-20

- Request a new initial I-20 for Spring 2021 (or later) by completing the I-20 Request Form during the Fall 2020 semester
- Requires new SEVIS I-901 fee (\$350)
- Resets eligibility clock for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training (OPT)
 - Would need to be enrolled for a full academic year (a fall and a spring semester) on new SEVIS record before meeting eligibility for CPT or OPT.
- Visa: You only need a new visa if your F-1 visa expires before reentry to the U.S.

TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS



COVID-19 RESOURCES

- <https://www.fragomen.com/about/news/immigration-update-coronavirus>
- <https://www.nafsa.org/regulatory-information/sevp-covid-19-guidance-sources#sevpcovid19faq>
- <https://www.ice.gov/covid19>
- <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/uscis-response-coronavirus-2019-covid-19>
- <https://www.fragomen.com/people/aaron-blumberg>

Thank you and please be safe and stay healthy!

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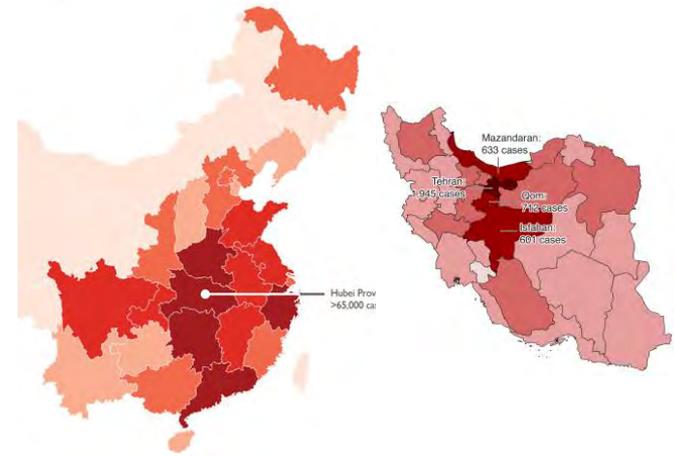
ENTERING THE U.S. WHO CAN & WHO CAN'T

CHINA, IRAN, SCHENGEN AREA, BRAZIL, U.K., & IRELAND

CAN'T: Entry ban for foreign nationals who have visited **China, Iran, the Schengen Area, Brazil, the U.K., and/or Ireland within 14 days of seeking admission**, except lawful permanent residents, immediate family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents, and certain others.

CAN: U.S. permanent residents, immediate family of U.S. citizens and permanent residents and others exempted from the entry ban **may be subject to quarantine.**

Countries in Schengen Area include: **Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.**



ENTERING THE U.S. EXEMPTIONS

The **following travelers** are exempt from the ban, but will be required to undergo screening and other measures upon arrival:

- ✓ U.S. citizens;
- ✓ U.S. lawful permanent residents;
- ✓ Spouses of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents;
- ✓ A foreign national who is the parent or legal guardian of an unmarried U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident under the age of 21;
- ✓ A foreign national who is the sibling of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, provided they are both unmarried and under 21;
- ✓ A foreign national who is the child, foster child or ward of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, or who is a prospective adoptee seeking to enter the United States on an IR-4 or IH-4 visa;

ENTERING THE U.S. EXEMPTIONS

The **following travelers** are exempt from the ban, but will be required to undergo screening and other measures upon arrival:

- ✓ A foreign national traveling at the invitation of the U.S. government for a purpose related to mitigation of the COVID-19 virus;
- ✓ A foreign air or sea crewmember;
- ✓ Certain A, C, E-1 (TECRO or TECO), G, and NATO nonimmigrants;
- ✓ A foreign national whose entry would not pose a risk of transmitting the virus as determined by the CDC;
- ✓ Members of the U.S. armed forces and their spouses and children
- ✓ A foreign national whose entry would be in the national interest; and
- ✓ A foreign national whose entry would further important U.S. law enforcement objectives.

ENTERING THE U.S. PROCEDURES FOR EXEMPT TRAVELERS

All exempt persons returning to the United States after visiting a Schengen Area country, China or Iran within 14 days of entry into the United States will be **required to travel through one of the following airports:**

- ✓ Boston-Logan Int'l Airport (BOS)
- ✓ Chicago O'Hare Int'l Airport (ORD)
- ✓ Dallas/Fort Worth Int'l Airport (DFW)
- ✓ Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)
- ✓ Daniel K. Inouye Int'l Airport (HNL)
- ✓ Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Int'l Airport (ATL)
- ✓ John F. Kennedy Int'l Airport (JFK)
- ✓ Los Angeles Int'l Airport (LAX)
- ✓ Miami Int'l Airport (MIA)
- ✓ Newark Liberty Int'l Airport (EWR)
- ✓ San Francisco Int'l Airport (SFO)
- ✓ Seattle-Tacoma Int'l Airport (SEA)
- ✓ Washington-Dulles Int'l Airport (IAD)

ENTERING THE U.S. **WHO CAN & WHO CAN'T**

MEXICO & CANADA

CAN: Only “**essential travel**” is permitted across the U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Canada borders, which includes travel by U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, foreign nationals traveling to work in the United States, and those using the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) for business travel, among others.

CAN'T: “Non-essential” travel – **tourism or recreational**

The bar on non-essential land border travel will remain in effect until **at least July 21, 2020.**



ENTERING THE U.S. ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

“Essential” travel that may continue across the borders under the new restrictions includes, but is not limited to:



- ✓ U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents returning to U.S.
- ✓ Lawful cross-border trade (e.g. truck drivers carrying cargo)
- ✓ Travel to work, attend educational institutions or for medical purposes
- ✓ Travel for emergency response and public health purposes
- ✓ Travel by members of the U.S. Armed Forces, and their spouses and children, returning to the U.S.
- ✓ Other forms of travel (case-by-case basis by CBP)

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS BY JURISDICTION

IMMIGRATION UPDATES REGARDING COVID-19

Check this page regularly for the latest immigration updates on this fluid situation:
<https://www.fragomen.com/about/news/immigration-update-coronavirus>



Download this table for a summary of current entry restrictions by jurisdiction.



EXECUTIVE ORDERS

SUSPENSION OF IMMIGRANT ENTRY

➤ On April 22, 2020, President Trump signed a presidential proclamation to temporarily suspend the entry of certain employment-based, family-based and other immigrants for 60 days as of 11:59 PM EDT on April 23, 2020. This ban has been formally extended through December 31, 2020.

➤ Who is subject?

- ❖ Foreign nationals not in possession of a valid immigrant visa as of the effective date of the proclamation
- ❖ Foreign nationals who do not have an official travel document other than an immigrant visa that is valid as of the effective date of the proclamation OR is issued after the effective date of the proclamation (e.g., transportation letters, boarding foils, or advance parole documents)

➤ **The suspension DOES NOT affect the filing or processing of applications for adjustment of status to permanent residence WITHIN the United States.**

➤ Who is exempt?

- ❖ U.S. lawful permanent residents
- ❖ Foreign nationals seeking to enter on an immigrant visa as a physician, nurse, or other healthcare professional, as well as their spouse or unmarried children under 21
- ❖ Applicants for EB-5 immigrant visas
- ❖ Spouses of U.S. citizens
- ❖ Children under 21 of U.S. citizens and prospective adoptees in the IR-4 or IH-4 visa classifications
- ❖ Foreign nationals whose entry would further important U.S. law enforcement objectives
- ❖ Members of the U.S. armed forces and the spouses and children of such individuals
- ❖ Foreign nationals seeking to enter as Special Immigrants in the SI or SQ classification, and the spouse and children of such individuals
- ❖ Foreign nationals whose entry is in the U.S. national interest



EXECUTIVE ORDERS BAN ON H-1B, L-1, H-2B, AND J-1 ENTRY

- On June 22, 2020, President Trump issued proclamation suspending the entry of foreign nationals in the H-1B, L-1, H-2B, and J-1 categories, as well as the related categories for dependents.
- This non-immigrant ban took effect on 12:01 AM EDT on June 24 and will be in place through *at least* December 31, 2020.
- **Who is subject?**
 - ❖ Foreign nationals in the following categories who outside the U.S. on June 24, 2020 AND who do not hold a valid visa, advance parole, or other U.S. travel document
 - H-1B and H-2B Nonimmigrants
 - L-1A Executives and Managers
 - L-1B Specialized Knowledge Workers
 - J-1 Interns, Trainees, Teachers, Camp Counselors, Au Pairs, and Summer Work Travel Participants
 - Dependent Spouses and Children of these Categories.
- **Who is exempt?**
 - ❖ Foreign nationals present in the U.S. at 12:01 EDT on June 24, 2020, including those in the U.S. awaiting a change of status under the FY 2020 H-1B cap
 - ❖ Foreign nationals holding a valid visa, advance parole, or other U.S. travel document on June 24, even if they are outside the U.S. when the ban takes effect
 - ❖ U.S. lawful permanent residents
 - ❖ Spouse or Child of a U.S. citizen
 - ❖ J-1 Exchange Program participants *other than* interns, trainees, teachers, camp counselors, au pairs, and summer work travel participants
 - ❖ Foreign nationals entering to provide temporary labor or services essential to the U.S. food supply chain

PRE-SUBMITTED QUESTIONS



WHEN UCF TRANSITIONS TO ONLINE

AFTER THANKSGIVING, DO I HAVE TO DEPART THE U.S.?

- **No.** Since the July 6 SEVP guidance was rescinded, we are operating under the assumption that students may take all of their courses online*. Therefore, the transition to online after Thanksgiving will not be a problem.

**This information is subject to change pending new guidance from SEVP.*

DO I HAVE TO DEPART THE U.S.?

- **No.** If you meet the *enrollment requirements* and are maintaining your F-1 status, you are not required to depart the U.S.

I'M BACK HOME AND CANNOT RETURN CAN I STILL TAKE CLASSES?

- **Yes.** You should enroll full-time in online classes from outside of the U.S. in order to maintain an Active SEVIS record.*
- If you want to take less than a full course load, you will either need to request a Reduced Course Load (if applicable to your situation) or submit the Exit Form to UCF Global by **August 24** to request Authorized Early Withdrawal. If you submit the Exit Form, you will need to request a new I-20 to return to the U.S. in a future semester.

**This information is subject to change pending new guidance from SEVP.*

I'M BACK HOME AND WANT TO RETURN TO THE U.S. BUT THERE ARE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

- You should enroll full-time in online classes from home to keep an active SEVIS record.*
- If you do not want to enroll full-time, you will need to submit the Exit Form to UCF Global by **August 24** to request Authorized Early Withdrawal.
 - You will need to request a new I-20 to return to the U.S. in a future semester.

**This information is subject to change pending new guidance from SEVP.*

DOES MY SEVIS RECORD STATUS AFFECT MY ABILITY TO TAKE CLASSES?

- **No.** Your **SEVIS** record status does not affect your ability to enroll in classes, earn academic credit, make progress in your degree, or earn your diploma. Your academic status is independent of your **SEVIS** record status however your **SEVIS** record depends on your academic status and enrollment.



WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS IF I BECOME ILL OR IF I HAVE A HEALTH CONDITION?

- If you have a documented illness or medical condition that restricts your ability to take classes, you can request a Reduced Course Load (RCL) based on the recommendation of your medical doctor or licensed clinical psychologist.
- An RCL could enable you to take as few as zero classes based on your doctor's recommendation. Submit the RCL Form and required doctor's note to UCF Global by the Fall 2020 add deadline.

I WANT TO RETURN HOME BUT MY COUNTRY'S BORDERS ARE CLOSED WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- We recommend that you contact your country's embassy. Many countries have organized repatriation flights for their citizens. If you are unable to return home, we recommend that you enroll full-time in courses to maintain your F-1 status.

DOES THE MARCH 2020 SEVP GUIDANCE IMPACT OPT & STEM OPT STUDENTS?

- **No**, the March 2020 SEVP Guidance does not impact students on OPT or STEM OPT. Students on OPT and STEM OPT are not required to enroll in courses since you maintain F-1 status through your employment.

WHEN REGISTERING FOR CLASSES, I GET A POP-UP ALERT MESSAGE REGARDING ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- All international students should receive an automated pop-up alert when registering for classes. This is just a reminder about the enrollment requirements for F-1 students. Since we are operating under special guidance for Fall 2020 due to COVID-19, you can disregard the message.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF UCF GOES FULLY ONLINE?

- While we don't anticipate this happening, every effort will be made to ensure our international students can maintain their immigration status inside the U.S. Since the July 6 SEVP guidance requiring in-person enrollment was rescinded, we do not anticipate that this would be a problem should courses be moved online*.

**This information is subject to change pending new guidance from SEVP.*

WHEN WILL UCF SEND ME THE UPDATED I-20 MENTIONED IN THE JULY 6 GUIDANCE?

- Since the July 6 Guidance was rescinded, UCF Global will not be sending updated I-20s indicated in that guidance.
- If SEVP releases additional guidance that requires schools to issue updated I-20s, UCF Global will provide the required I-20 to students as indicated in the new guidance.

I AM TRAVELING BACK TO THE U.S. SOON DO I NEED TO SELF-QUARANTINE UPON ARRIVAL?

- **Yes**, UCF is following the CDC guidelines for returning from international travel. The guidelines include staying home for **14 days** to monitor your health. Students should not return to campus until after the **14 days**.

DOES THE JULY 6 GUIDANCE APPLY TO J-1 VISA HOLDERS?

- **No**, the rescinded July 6 SEVP guidance does not apply to J-1 visa holders however, Department of State guidance for J-1 visa holders is very similar. J-1 visa holders may enroll in online classes*.

**This information is subject to change pending new guidance from the Department of State.*

DOES THE GUIDANCE AFFECT MY ABILITY TO APPLY FOR CPT OR OPT?

- **No**, as long as you remain in the U.S., are enrolled full-time, and are maintaining F-1 status, the guidance does not impact your ability to apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or Optional Practical Training (OPT).

I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY PARTICULAR SITUATION WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

Please contact UCF Global to speak with an immigration advisor.
We are here for you!

- **407-823-2337**
- **ucfglobal@ucf.edu**

Visit our website to stay up-to-date on
Coronavirus FAQ for international students:

GLOBAL.UCF.EDU/CORONAVIRUS

MORE INFORMATION IS ON THE WAY!

Once new guidance is released by SEVP, UCF Global will:

- Email you to your Knights.ucf.edu email
- Update the Coronavirus FAQ:
 - GLOBAL.UCF.EDU/CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 RESOURCES

- <https://www.fragomen.com/about/news/immigration-update-coronavirus>
- <https://www.nafsa.org/regulatory-information/sevp-covid-19-guidance-sources#sevpcovid19faq>
- <https://www.ice.gov/covid19>
- <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/uscis-response-coronavirus-2019-covid-19>
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Thank you and please be safe and stay healthy!

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