

Dear International Students,

The Dashew Center would like to inform all international students holding an F-1 status about their in-person course enrollment and Curricular Practical Training (CPT) requirements.

Per the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) guidance, international students on the F-1 status must have full-time enrollment for each academic term, which may include only one online course to be counted towards their full-time enrollment. If your courses include lectures and discussion sessions, the lecture component must be in-person and noted in your official student enrollment records. Therefore, we urge all F-1 international students to carefully review their course schedules and ensure they are enrolled in a full-time course load with correct combinations of in-person and online course (if applicable) for each fall, winter, and spring quarters.

Additional online course enrollment after meeting the F-1 status compliance requirements is allowed.

Students who are in their final quarter of degree completion, they are not required to have full-time enrollment. However, students do need to complete and submit a **final quarter [Reduced Course Load form](#)** request to the Dashew Center by the quarter add/drop deadline date for maintaining status. Please note, your final quarter enrollment **must include in-person course(s)**.

If you plan to graduate in a summer term, please be advised that the in-person course enrollment requirement will still apply.

Read the specific full-time enrollment requirements that apply to you:

- [Full-Time Enrolment for F-1 visa students](#)

Students who are authorized for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) to engage in off-campus employment during fall, winter, spring, or summers terms must maintain active enrollment in the internship course in order to remain in compliance with F-1 status conditions. Dropping the internship course at any time, intentionally or unintentionally, will constitute violation if the F-1 status compliance requirements and the SEVIS record will be termination as required by the US. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

We hope this is helpful for your upcoming registration plans. We aim to inform and prepare international students in advance on this important visa requirement to avoid any potential visa/immigration implications on maintaining your F-1 visa status. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the [Dashew Center](#) if you have any questions or need any further clarification regarding this subject.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars