



Dear International Students,

The Dashew Center would like to inform all international students holding an F-1 or a J-1 status that the [March 2020 guidance](#) issued by **Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)** pertaining to online course enrollment exception will come to an end at the end of 2022–23 academic year.

What is the F-1/J-1 Visa Guidance from March 2020?

The March 2020 SEVP guidance was put in place during the COVID-19 global pandemic as an accommodation for the federal regulations regarding what a full-time enrollment for international students (F-1/J-1) entails. Per this guidance, international students on the F1/J-1 status were allowed to enroll in one in-person course in combination with online courses to meet the full-time enrollment requirement. Students who had established their F-1/J-1 status at UCLA prior to March 2020, were allowed to enroll in fully online courses to meet the full-time enrollment requirement.

For the past couple of academic years, SEVP has extended the guideline in order to accommodate the current health and safety of international students, please refer to [Dashew Center's message](#) on this extension issued on April 18, 2022.

How does this affect me as an F-1 or a J-1 visa international student?

The last updated message from SEVP provided an extension of the [March 2020 Guidance](#), which is currently in place. However, the guideline will be concluding at **the end of the 2023 academic year (end of 2023 spring quarter/semester)**. Therefore, all UCLA F-1 and J-1 international students will be required to follow the standard full-time enrollment requirements after the conclusion of the 2023 spring quarter/semester.

What defines full-time enrolment for my F-1 or J-1 status?

Please read the specific full-time enrollment requirements that apply to you.

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

IMPORTANT: Please note the standard requirement for in-person course enrollment during academic terms. Only one online coursework may count toward the full-time enrollment requirement.

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/J-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.

Sincerely,

UCLA Dashew Center