### Spring 2021 Plans for Enrollment and F-1 Status

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Full-time enrollment: 12 units or more for undergraduate students, and 8 units or more for graduate students.

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<th>Student Admission Status</th>
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- These plans are created by the Office of International Programs at SF State and are only for current and new F-1 international students at SF State.
- Information is based on Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) guidance as of July 24, 2020 and is subject to change at any time if new guidance is released.
- **Full-time enrollment**: 12 units or more for undergraduate students, and 8 units or more for graduate students.
- If you do not see your scenario below, please email us at f1@sfsu.edu.

- **Plan 1**
  - Academic status: May enroll in fully online courses full-time outside the U.S.
  - F-1 status: May maintain active F-1 status by enrolling full-time in online courses outside the U.S.
  - Travel: May stay outside of the U.S. to continue academic and F-1 status.
    - If you choose to travel, there may be travel bans that may prevent you from re-entering the U.S.
    - **5 months rule** will not apply because you are in Active F-1 status.
  - Insurance: Sign the Spring 2021 International Students Insurance Waiver to clear the international health insurance hold if you plan to register for classes. If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.

- **Plan 2**
  - Academic status: May enroll in fully online courses full-time while in the U.S.
  - F-1 status: May maintain active F-1 status by enrolling in online courses in the U.S.
  - Travel: May return to the U.S. before/during Spring 2021 if
    - **5 months rule** will not apply because you are in Active F-1 status. You will not need to apply for a new F-1 visa if your current F-1 visa is still valid.
  - Insurance: Must purchase [SF state international health insurance](https://www.sfsu.edu/student-health/services/insurance) prior to returning to the U.S. No insurance waiver. Contact f1@sfsu.edu if you plan to return after Spring 2021 start date.

- **Plan 3**
  - Academic status: May enroll in fully online courses less than full time while out of the U.S.
  - F-1 status: May not maintain F-1 status with less than full time enrollment. I-20 will be terminated (invalid for travel). If you were studying less than full time in Fall 2020, your I-20 was terminated.
  - Travel: May not return to the U.S. before/during Spring 2021.
    - Will not be eligible to return to the U.S. until 30 days prior to your new Fall 2021 I-20
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program start date. You will need a new I-20 from OIP and pay SEVIS fee for Fall 2021, but you will not need to apply for a new F-1 visa if your current F-1 visa in your passport is still valid. Contact to f1@sfsu.edu after May 1, 2021 for next steps.

- 5 months rule will apply because your Fall 2020 I-20 will be terminated.
- Insurance: Sign the Spring 2021 International Students Insurance Waiver to clear the international health insurance hold if you plan to register for classes. If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.

- Plan 4
  - Academic status:
    - May enroll in fully online courses in the U.S. less than full time only if you have been approved for Reduced Course Load (RCL) for Completion of Study or for graduate students only: Full Time Equivalency (FTE).
    - May not enroll in fully online courses in the U.S. less than full time if no RCL or FTE approval.
  - F-1 status:
    - With RCL/FTE approval: May maintain active F-1 status by enrolling in online courses in the U.S.
    - Without RCL/FTE approval: May not maintain F-1 status. I-20 will be terminated (invalid for travel).
  - Travel:
    - With RCL/FTE approval: May return to the U.S. before/during Spring 2021 if
      - Has a valid I-20 with updated travel signature, valid F-1 visa, valid passport AND Travel restrictions do not apply - Travelers Prohibited from Entry to the United States. See F-1 student travel information page.
    - Without RCL/FTE approval: May not return to the U.S. before/during Spring 2021.
      - 5 months rule will apply because your Spring 2021 I-20 will be terminated. You will need a new I-20 from OIP and pay SEVIS fee for Fall 2021, but you will not need to apply for a new F-1 visa if your current F-1 visa in your passport is still valid.
  - Insurance:
    - With RCL/FTE approval: Must purchase SF state international health insurance.
    - Without RCL/FTE approval: Must leave the U.S. and sign the Spring 2021 International Students Insurance Waiver to clear the international health insurance hold if you plan to register for classes. If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.
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- **Plan 5**
  - Academic status: May take a Fall 2020 semester off with F-1 Status Time Off Request Form (TORF) approval
    - Graduate students on Full-Time Equivalency (FTE): contact F-1 advisors at fl@sfsu.edu for next steps. You will follow plan 3 or 4 instead.
  - F-1 status: May not maintain F-1 status. I-20 will be terminated (invalid for travel).
  - Travel: May not enter the U.S. before/during Spring 2021.
    - **5 months rule** will apply because your Fall 2020 I-20 will be terminated.
    - Will not be eligible to return to the U.S. until 30 days prior to your new Fall 2021 I-20 program start date. You will need a new I-20 from OIP and pay SEVIS fee for Fall 2021, but you will not need to apply for a new F-1 visa if your current F-1 visa in your passport is still valid. Contact to fl@sfsu.edu after May 1, 2021 for next steps.
  - Insurance: If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.

- **Plan 6**
  - **You are NOT ALLOWED to enter the U.S. to begin a new online program remotely**
  - Academic status: May enroll full-time or in fully online courses outside the U.S.
  - F-1 status: You will not need to receive I-20s for Spring 2021.
    - If you have already received a Spring 2021 initial I-20, it will not be valid for you to enter the U.S. during Spring 2021.
    - Will not be eligible to enter the U.S. until 30 days prior to your new Fall 2021 I-20 program start date. You will need a new I-20 from OIP and pay SEVIS fee for Fall 2021, but you will not need to apply for a new F-1 visa if your current F-1 visa in your passport is still valid. Contact to fl@sfsu.edu after May 1, 2021 for next steps.
  - Insurance: Sign the Spring 2021 International Students Insurance Waiver to clear the international health insurance hold if you plan to register for classes. If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.

- **Plan 7**
  - **You are NOT ALLOWED to enter the U.S. to begin a new online program remotely**
  - Academic status: Must re-apply for Fall 2021 SF State Admission before the deadline at CalStateApply. Be sure to use your current student ID. Contact the International Undergraduate Admissions (ugintl@sfsu.edu) or Division of Graduate Studies (gradstudies@sfsu.edu) if you have any questions.
  - F-1 status: If you have already received a Spring 2021 initial I-20, it will not be valid for you to enter the U.S. for Spring 2021. You must be readmitted to SF State to receive an I-20 for Fall 2021 from
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International Undergraduate Admissions (ugintl@sfsu.edu) or Division of Graduate Studies (gradstudies@sfsu.edu).

○ Insurance: If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.

● Plan 8

○ You are NOT ALLOWED to enter the U.S. to begin a new online program remotely

○ Academic status: May enroll full-time or less than full time studies in fully online courses outside the U.S.

○ F-1 status: You will not need to receive I-20s for Spring 2021.
  ■ If you have already received a Spring 2021 initial I-20, it will not be valid for you to enter the U.S. during Spring 2021.
  ■ You will need to receive an I-20 for Fall 2021. Contact OIP at f1@sfsu.edu for next steps after May 1, 2021.

○ Insurance: Sign the Spring 2021 International Students Insurance Waiver to clear the international health insurance hold if you plan to register for classes. If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.

● Plan 9

○ You are NOT ALLOWED to enter the U.S. to begin a new online program remotely

○ If you would like to begin your program at SF State outside the U.S.:
  ■ Academic status: May enroll full-time or less than full time in fully online courses outside the U.S.
  ■ F-1 status: If you have already received a Fall 2020 transfer I-20, it will not be valid for you to enter the U.S. during Fall 2020. Contact to f1@sfsu.edu in early November 2020 for next steps. 5 months rule will apply because your Fall 2020 transfer I-20 will be terminated. You will need a new I-20 from OIP and pay SEVIS fee for Spring 2021, but you will not need to apply for a new F-1 visa if your current F-1 visa in your passport is still valid.
  ■ Insurance: Sign the Spring 2021 International Students Insurance Waiver to clear the international health insurance hold if you plan to register for classes. If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.

● Plan 10

○ Academic status: Must enroll in fully online courses while in the U.S.

○ F-1 status: May maintain active F-1 status by enrolling in full-time online courses in the U.S.

○ Travel: May stay in the U.S. during Spring 2021
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○ Insurance: Must purchase SF state international health insurance. No insurance waiver.

● Plan 11
  ○ Academic status:
    ■ May enroll in fully online courses in the U.S. less than full time only if you have been approved for Reduced Course Load (RCL) for Completion of Study or for graduate students only: Full Time Equivalency (FTE).
    ■ May not enroll in fully online courses in the U.S. less than full time if no RCL or FTE approval.
  ○ F-1 status:
    ■ With RCL/FTE approval: May maintain active F-1 status by enrolling in online courses in the U.S.
    ■ Without RCL/FTE approval: May not maintain F-1 status. I-20 will be terminated. Contact f1@sfsu.edu.
  ○ Travel:
    ■ With RCL/FTE approval: May stay in the U.S. during Spring 2021. If you choose to travel, there may be travel bans that may prevent you from re-entering the U.S.
    ■ Without RCL/FTE approval: May not stay in the U.S. during Spring 2021.
      ● 5 months rule will apply because your Fall 2020 I-20 will be terminated. You will need a new I-20 from OIP and pay SEVIS fee for Spring 2021, but you will not need to apply for a new F-1 visa if your current F-1 visa in your passport is still valid.
  ○ Insurance:
    ■ With RCL/FTE approval: Must purchase SF state international health insurance.
    ■ Without RCL/FTE approval: Must leave the U.S. and sign the Spring 2021 International Students Insurance Waiver to clear the international health insurance hold if you plan to register for classes. If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.

● Plan 12
  ○ Email f1@sfsu.edu with your full name and SF State ID to explain your case (such as already being in the U.S. on a different visa status, etc).

● Plan 13
  ○ Academic status: May enroll in fully online courses outside the U.S.
  ○ F-1 status: Your Spring 2021 transfer I-20 will not be valid for you to re-enter the U.S. during Spring 2021. Contact to f1@sfsu.edu on May 1, 2021 for next steps.
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○ Travel: Your travel departure date will impact your F-1 status. Contact f1@sfsu.edu if you have plans to travel before Spring 2021 start date or during Spring 2021.

○ Insurance: Sign the Spring 2021 International Students Insurance Waiver to clear the international health insurance hold if you plan to register for classes. If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.

● Plan 14

○ Academic status: Must enroll in fully online courses while in the U.S.
○ F-1 status: May maintain active F-1 status by enrolling in online courses in the U.S.
○ Travel: Your Spring 2021 transfer I-20 will be valid for you to stay in the U.S. but may not be valid for you to travel out and re-enter the U.S. Contact f1@sfsu.edu if you have travel plans.
○ Insurance: Must purchase SF state international health insurance. No insurance waiver.

● Plan 15

○ You are NOT ALLOWED to stay in the U.S. with less than full time enrollment during your first semester
○ Academic status: May not enroll in fully online courses in the U.S. part time
○ F-1 status: May not maintain F-1 status. Your Spring 2021 transfer I-20 will not be valid for you to stay in the U.S. I-20 will be terminated. Contact f1@sfsu.edu.
○ Travel: May not stay in the U.S. during Spring 2021. 5 months rule will apply because your Spring 2021 transfer I-20 will be terminated. You will need a new I-20 from OIP and pay SEVIS fee for Fall 2021, but you will not need to apply for a new F-1 visa if your current F-1 visa in your passport is still valid.
○ Insurance: Must leave the U.S. and sign the Spring 2021 International Students Insurance Waiver to clear the international health insurance hold if you plan to register for classes. If you have already purchased SF State insurance, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund. Please email Relation Insurance Eligibility Team (csseligibilityteam@relationinsurance.com) for refund instructions. The deadline to submit your refund request is December 31, 2021.