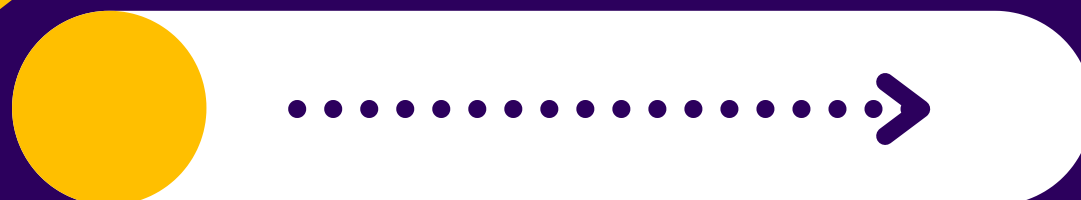


International Students Returning to Albany in Fall 2021



A quick guide on what you need to do



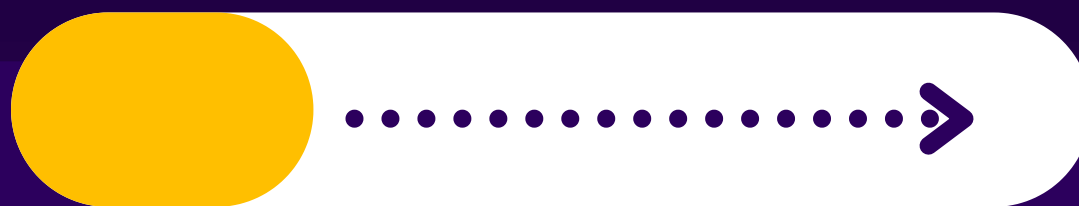
1. Enroll in Fall Courses

- **The Fall course schedule will be available starting in April 2021**
- **Consult your academic advisor when selecting your courses**



2. Follow DHS Registration Requirements for Fall

- DHS has not announced yet whether or not they will continue to allow flexibility with online course load restrictions in Fall 2021**
- If you plan to study inside the U.S. in Fall 2021, please plan to enroll in a mostly in-person schedule (e.g. in-person, blended/hybrid, and arranged courses) in case DHS reinstates the normal online course limitations for F-1/J-1 students. The normal regulations are available on our website under "Current Students."**
- Students studying outside the U.S. are not required to have an active F-1/J-1 status, though a deactivated status could have implications for a student's future return to the U.S. and/or future practical training eligibility. Contact ISSS for case-by-case advisement.**



3. Prepare Travel Documents

Required:

- **Valid passport (6 months validity remaining)**
- **Valid F-1/J-1 visa**
 - **This means that the F-1/J-1 visa is unexpired. If the visa you currently hold was issued for a different SEVIS ID than your current I-20 please contact ISSS for case-by-case advisement**
- **I-20 signed for travel within the past year on page 2 (6 months is recommended) or DS-2019 signed within the past 6 months for travel**
- **As of the writing of this (March 2021), Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Recovery from COVID-19 is required for all air passengers to the U.S.**

Recommended:

- **Transcript/proof of enrollment**
- **Proof of finances**



4. Check for travel restrictions and requirements

Always check with your airline for the latest information on required documentation.

As of March 2021, Executive Orders restricting travel are still in place for:

- **China, Iran, Brazil and South Africa: Travelers cannot enter the U.S. if they were physically present in any of these countries in the 14 days preceding entry. If this is still in effect when you plan to return, please make the necessary arrangements for your travel plans (you cannot travel directly back to the U.S.)**
- **Schengen Region, UK and Ireland: F-1/J-1 students are eligible for a NIE waiver from the Executive Order**
- **Canada/Mexico: limitations on entry at land crossing (does not apply to air passengers).**



5. Make plans for quarantining upon return

- **Students living on-campus should follow the instructions they receive from the Office of Residential Life for move-in and quarantine requirements.**
- **Students living off-campus are responsible for arranging their quarantine space.**
- **Please follow all state, local, and University quarantining and testing requirements.**
- **More information, including information on food delivery and how to obtain a COVID test, is available on ISSS's website under the COVID19 FAQ page**



6. Talk to ISSS about your plans

- We know there's a lot to keep track of**
- Please reach out to ISSS to share your plans and ask any questions you have about DHS requirements, travel restrictions, and other issues**
- Email us at ISSS@albany.edu or schedule a Zoom appointment with us**



**Safe travels back to
Albany! We can't
wait to see you
again.**

