



Update for Current F-1 International Students (04/25/2022)

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Dear International Students,

This email is an overview of the most recent updates regarding classes, number of credits, and keeping F-1 visa status for international students who are studying at PCC, beginning in Fall 2022 term.

We encourage all F-1 international students attending courses in Summer 2022, to be registered for at least one in-person class. This does not apply if you are taking a summer vacation.

Beginning in Fall 2022, all F-1 international students must be in Portland, Oregon and registered for a full-time, hybrid schedule, with a minimum of one in-person class each term.

Please review the section that applies to your situation below. If you have any questions, please contact the [SEVIS team](#).

ESOL Students

If you are currently outside the US due to COVID-19 and maintaining your F-1 visa, and you are not able to take in-person classes, you must notify the SEVIS Coordinator prior to the start of each term.

CLASSES

- Starting Fall 2022 term, ESOL classes should be taken all in-person, but students will be required to have at least one in-person class each term.

NUMBER OF CREDITS

- In general, F-1 students in the ESOL program will be required to take at least 12 credits to maintain status (unless otherwise approved by the SEVIS Coordinator).
- If the necessary in-person ESOL class is canceled (with no alternative) or full (with no alternative), then students should contact the SEVIS Coordinator to discuss approval for online classes.

**International travel will only be approved for break periods between terms and during vacation terms.*

Academic Students

If you are currently outside the US due to COVID-19 and maintaining your F-1 visa, and you are not able to take in-person classes, you must notify the SEVIS Coordinator prior to the start of each term.

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Warm regards,

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