Dear International Students,

We are so glad you are here at UNT! While things may look different this year, International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) wants to ensure that you have a successful semester. To do this, PLEASE be aware of the immigration laws that will affect you during your time here.

Read carefully through the following information and contact our office if you have any questions. Remember, each situation is different and immigration regulations are complex. If you ever have questions, we are here to help! Have a wonderful semester and remember the FACTS!

Sincerely,
UNT ISSS

NOTE: Current information regarding Immigration Updates including COVID-19 changes are available at international.unt.edu/immigration

Full-Time Enrollment and Exemptions

You are required to maintain full-time enrollment. This is defined as 12 hours for undergraduates and 9 hours for graduates during long semesters. There are few reasons you may be considered full-time while not enrolled in the minimum number of hours. If you will be below hours this semester and any of these reasons apply, approval from ISSS must be given by January 31st, 2022.

F-2 Students

F-2 visa holders may only be enrolled part-time. It is your responsibility to monitor your enrollment. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

- Final Semester
  - If Spring 2022 is final semester of required enrollment, few classes required to complete degree
  - This MUST be your LAST semester. Immigration allows only one final semester. A new I20 will be issued.
  - Undergraduate students complete THIS form, have an academic advisor sign it, and return to ISSS
  - Graduate students complete the corresponding form in iNorthTX for Toulouse to review

- Dissertation or Thesis Only
  - Coursework is completed and only thesis or dissertation hours remain to complete degree
  - Submit the “Graduate Student Full-Time Equivalency” form in iNorthTX for Toulouse to review

- CPT
  - Full-time CPT students may waive the full-time enrollment requirement
  - CPT must be approved prior to working and prior to January 31st, 2022

- Other
  - Please refer to our Enrollment Requirements page for more information. Feel free to schedule an appointment with an Immigration Advisor if you have questions.

Immigration Advising Hours

Monday
1:30-3:30P

Tuesday
9:30-11:30A
1:30-3:30P

Thursday
9:30-11:30A
1:30-3:30P

Friday
9:30-11:30A

NOTE: Our office is paperless! All requests can be submitted through iNorthTX or by emailing internationaladvising@unt.edu
## Concurrent Enrollment

- **If you will enroll concurrently at another institution during Spring 2022**, remember:
  - You **MUST** enroll in at least one on-campus UNT course and the combination of hours from both schools **MUST** equal full-time enrollment.
  - We **will** maintain your immigration record. All changes **MUST** be reported to ISSS.
  - If the other school requires a letter from our office, it will take 3 business days to complete. Apply online at international.unt.edu/ISSS/concurrent-enrollment-request-form.
  - **You MUST** turn in proof of enrollment from the other school to our office by January 31st, 2022.
  - At the end of the semester, you **MUST** submit a transcript/grade report showing completion of courses to ISSS.

## Online Courses - COVID-19 Information

- If you are a newly arrived student who arrived in the U.S. AFTER March 2020:
  - You **MUST** enroll in at least 1 face-to-face, on-campus class.
  - All other courses may be online classes.
- If you are a continuing students who was in F-1 status in March 2020:
  - You **MAY** enroll in all online/remote coursework. **Don't Fall Out of Status**
  - All other courses may be online classes.

**Remember:** This information is temporary! Restrictions on online enrollment may return for Fall 2022.

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### EagleConnect Email

All official correspondence from UNT will be sent to your EagleConnect email. You **MUST** check this email for important information regarding immigration status.

**Failure to check this email will NOT serve as a reason to avoid F-1 status termination.**

To forward emails to a personal account, visit eagleconnect.unt.edu/forward

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### Online Classes (SPECIAL COVID-19 NOTE)

- You **MAY** enroll in 100% online/remote coursework.
- If you were not in F-1 status inside the U.S. in March 2020 and have the same SEVIS ID number, **you may enroll in 100% online/remote coursework.** **Denton, TX 76203-5017 USA**
- If you will not enroll in all online/remote coursework, you **MUST** enroll in at least 1 on-campus class.
- All other courses may be online classes.
- If you will not complete by this date, visit ISSS to inquire about a Program Extension before your I-20 expires.

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### OPT Workshops

To apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), you must first complete the OPT workshop and pass the quiz.

Visit international.unt.edu/content/opt-practical-training to take the workshop online.

Complete this early in the semester as the application process is lengthy.

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## OPT Status

### F-1 status may be terminated due to:

**Failure to Enroll**

If you do not enroll in courses for a given semester, your SEVIS record will be terminated. If you plan to take a semester off, fill out an “Ending Studies” form, found on our website. You have 15 days to leave the U.S. after this date.

**Enrolling Less than Full-Time Without Approval**

If you do not receive approval to enroll less than full-time, your SEVIS record will be terminated. Remember to email proof of concurrent enrollment or file an “Exemption from Full-Time Enrollment” form.

### Unauthorized Employment

International Students are NOT allowed to work off-campus ANYWHERE without approval from USCIS or our office. F-1 students are limited to 20 hours of on-campus work per week. Please speak with an advisor if you have any questions.

### I-20 Expiration

Do not let your I-20 expire! Look on the first page where it says “Complete studies not later than: _______” or on newer versions it states “PROGRAM END DATE” or “PROGRAM START/END DATE”. If you will not complete by this date, visit ISSS to inquire about a Program Extension before your I-20 expires.

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**D army Advisory Notice:**

*An advisor is an abbreviation for apartment*