

Dear UNL International Students,

You recently received an [email](#) from the university about getting ready to register for spring 2021 courses. We know that as international students you have additional considerations that affect the types of courses you can take to maintain your immigration status. Or you may be living abroad in a different time zone and will need courses that work in your schedule.

Current U.S. Department of Homeland Security Guidance

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security still requires you to be enrolled full-time during the fall and spring semester, but has not yet provided guidance on whether you will be allowed to take online or remote courses only and maintain your full-time immigration status. We will keep you informed about this guidance as more information becomes available.

Students Living Inside the U.S.

At this time, we recommend undergraduate students enroll in at least 9 credit hours of **In-Person** courses and graduate students enroll in at least 6 credit hours of **In-Person** courses in order to maintain full-time immigration status.

This does not include the fall and spring three-week sessions in December and January. They are optional and are not required for you to maintain your F-1 immigration status.

Students Living Outside the U.S.

We recommend students living outside the U.S. enroll in either **Online** courses or **Web Conferencing** courses. If selecting Web Conferencing, check the course attributes for the required meetings that will take place via Zoom to be sure the course will work for your schedule once adjusted for your time zone.

You can learn more about In-Person, Web Conferencing, and Online courses and how to plan your schedule on the [How to Choose Courses](#) webpage. Be sure to contact your academic adviser if you have questions or need assistance with course availability to meet your needs.

Semester Break Travel: If you are planning to travel outside of the U.S. between November 26, 2020 and January 24, 2021, make sure to review these [important considerations](#) before making your travel plans.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) at internationalnavigators@unl.edu or by scheduling an appointment to meet with a specialist at <https://globalnebraska.unl.edu/isso/advising-instructions>.



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