

## Updated Message for F-1 Students Regarding Immigration Guidance for Fall 2020 (7/8/2020)

Our office is committed to your academic success and is diligently working to ensure that each of you can successfully move forward with your fall semester plans. To this end, we are updating our [FAQ page](#) with the latest information. Please bookmark this page and check daily.

As a reminder, students who are outside the US can take all of their courses online and then return to the US to study in Spring 2021 if they have courses left to take. While there is uncertainty with the messages from immigration about whether or not we can keep your SEVIS record active, your I-20 and F-1 status remains active until we have final answers.

Students studying inside the US will need to take a mixture of online and hybrid courses that meet regulatory guidelines for non-distance learning courses.

We are in the process of creating an eform so you can let us know where you will study in the fall. You will receive more information about this eform and how we will send your updated I-20 before the end of this week.

Please do not let the news media scare you with stories of pending deportation or removal. Since USF will operate under a hybrid model, we do not anticipate any issues with your immigration status.

We are working with academic departments across all campuses to ensure there are adequate course offerings and will communicate this to you in over the weeks prior to the beginning of the term.

We value the contribution of our international students to the diversity of our campuses and we are committed to supporting you. Please do not hesitate to contact our office via email or through iStart. We care about you and I am personally deeply saddened that international students across the nation have been put in such a stressful situation.

Sincerest regards,

**Marcia Taylor, M.A.**

Director, Office of International Services, USF World  
SEVIS PDSO and RO

University of South Florida  
4202 East Fowler Avenue BEH 255  
Tampa, FL 33620  
[taylorm@usf.edu](mailto:taylorm@usf.edu) | <http://global.usf.edu/is/>

