New F-1 students studying in the US

Students must be in the U.S. and attending in-person classes to maintain an active SEVIS record. SEVIS records will be updated based on information provided in student's response including SEVIS registration, adding required comment for active status students who are outside the US, and updates to program dates.

NOTE: Students graduating in Fall 2020, classes in the Fall 2020 semester will be issued a new I-20 with program start dates for the deferred semester.

Online coursework

Students may take all online classes or a combination of in-person, blended/hybrid or online classes. Sponsoring agency must verify with your academic advisor if online courses are acceptable. Students must take at least one in-person or blended/hybrid course. If Missouri S&T switches to fully online instruction during the semester, new students may continue their studies and remain in the US. Sponsored students must verify with your sponsoring agency if online courses are acceptable. Students may take all online classes, pending approval from your academic advisor. NOTE: Students outside the US should not enroll in in-person or blended/hybrid classes that require in-person participation.

Enrollment - Full-time & part-time

Students must be enrolled full-time upon arrival and every fall and spring semester thereafter. Full-time enrollment is 12 credit hours for undergraduate students and 9 credit hours for graduate students. Students not enrolled full-time are not allowed to maintain an active status and their SEVIS record will be terminated for authorized early withdrawal.

CPT/OPT Eligibility

Student must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT. Student must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT. Student must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT. Student must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT. Student must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT. Student must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT. Student must be in active F-1 status for at least two semesters before they can apply for CPT or OPT.

NOTE: Reduced course load regulations allow a student to request a reduced course load for academic difficulties in the student's first semester, due to medical reasons, and during a student's final semester. Graduate students may also apply for full-time enrollment of 1 credit hour per Policy Momentum II-20.