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### Normal J-1 Regulations

#### SEVIS record status

- **All students**
  - Continuing J-1 students studying in the US
    - Students will continue a status of active in SEVIS if they -
      - *Attended Missouri S&T and were in valid active status on March 9, 2020*
      - *Have not otherwise violated the terms of their nonimmigrant status*
      - *Meet full time enrollment requirements, including any approved reduced enrollment.*
    - If a student is enrolled less than full-time, without any approved reduced enrollment, the student's end date will be shortened and the student must leave the US.

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  - Continuing students outside the US are not able to maintain their status if enrolled less than full-time. The student's program end date will be shortened to show the program has ended. If the student wishes to return to the US for a future semester, a new DS-2019 must be issued, which requires the student to pay the $190 fee and apply for a new visa.

- **New J-1 students studying outside the US**
  - Students' status will become active after arrival in the US, check-in with International Affairs, confirmation of full time enrollment, and validation in SEVIS.

#### Online coursework

- **All students**
  - Students are limited to one online course per semester that counts toward full-time enrollment.
  - Example: Students who are required to enroll in 12 credit hours must take at least 9 credit hours in-person and can take 3 or more credit hours online.

- **Continuing J-1 students studying in the US**
  - Students may take all online courses or a combination of in-person, blended/hybrid, or online courses.
  - Students must take all online classes.

- **Continuing J-1 students studying outside the US**
  - Students may take all online classes.
  - NOTE: Students outside the US should not enroll in in-person or blended/hybrid classes that require in-person participation.

- **New J-1 students studying in the US**
  - Students must take at least one in-person or blended/hybrid course.
  - Students may take all online classes, pending approval from their academic advisor.

- **New J-1 students studying outside the US**
  - Students must take at least one in-person or blended/hybrid course.
  - Students must receive approval from their academic department to begin studies online from outside the US.

#### Enrollment - full-time & part-time

- **All students**
  - 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.
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#### Remarks on DS-2019s

- **All students**
  - Standard remarks are listed on the DS-2019.

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