

Possible scenarios impacting OHIO University international graduate students are found below. This guidance as of 7/16/2020 is subject to change as we learn of new developments.

Scenario 1: Continuing visa-holding student, who is currently **in** the US

- The student may enroll in the fall, even if their schedule is 100% online.
- The student is expected to be in Athens and would be eligible for an assistantship.

Scenario 2: Continuing visa-holding student, who is currently **outside** the US

- Return to the US is contingent on available travel. If the student returns, they must quarantine for 14 days.
- **Question:** How will we facilitate/enforce this?
Guidance allows for them to continue their studies online, overseas, **BUT** we cannot hire them. This eliminates the possibility of a fee waiver.

Note: Since the new guidance was withdrawn, we now have permission to keep student records active if they study from outside of the US, so a return is optional. If they do choose to return, there is nothing to prevent them from pursuing a fully online schedule. However, some students may face pushback from Customs/Border Patrol if they plan to take all online classes. There is no way to predict what would happen in that scenario.

Scenario 3: New visa-holding/needing student, who is currently **in** the US

- The student may enroll in the fall. Based on current guidance, there are no specific requirements related to in-person vs online credits.
- The student is expected to be in Athens and would be eligible for an assistantship.
- ISFS would transfer their visa.
- Currently, no quarantine is required for this student.

Scenario 4: New visa-holding/needing student, who is currently **outside** the US

- The student must obtain a visa at a consulate.
- Once that is secured, they must travel to the US/Athens to enroll. It is currently unclear what enrollment will be allowed in this scenario. For that reason, we

recommend that students enroll in at least 6 in-person credits. This could include research credits.

- When the student arrives, they must quarantine for 14 days.
- **Question:** Can new students start with 100% online courses?
We are awaiting further guidance from SEVP for this scenario.

Timelines for Scenario 4, including 14-day quarantines make arrivals for fall unlikely.

If the current trends persist, consulate closures, travel bans, and flight accessibility may make arrival moot if a visa can be obtained.

Programs should look at their fall cohort and determine if they should proceed.

Questions:

- Can we meet class enrollment goals without any new international students?
- Can the curriculum sequences be decoupled for students who arrive in January?
- Can the whole cohort start in Jan?
- Should we wait until next fall?
- Are there service needs (TA/GA/RA) dependent on new students? If so, how can we meet them in a worst-case situation?