Welcome & Agenda

• Opening remarks from the Associate Deputy Provost
• What we know about the SEVP guidance
• What we still don’t know/awaiting more info
• What you should know/do
• Upcoming events
• Questions & Answers
Housekeeping

- This session is not being recorded
- Type your questions in Chat Box to OISS Programs & include your education level (ELI, undergrad or grad) so we can answer accordingly
- Q&A session after presentation
- Security - if we have to shut down we’ll follow up with a link to our lists.
Opening Remarks from the Associate Deputy Provost for International Programs
What OISS is doing

• Communicate updates to students - FAQ will be shared after this event
• Upcoming event with Goldblum & Pollins (Monday, 7/27, 10am)
• Advocacy at the national level with NAFSA and APLU
• Communication with the Delaware congressional delegation
• Monitoring government and legal resources for updates
• Updating processes to help you maintain your status
• Coordinating with campus partners to prepare for fall enrollments
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On July 6, 2020 SEVP issued Temporary Guidance for Fall 2020. The guidance classifies three different types of university instruction for Fall 2020:

- Online-Only Model
- In-person Class Model
- Hybrid Model

The University of Delaware is classified as a Hybrid Model and is currently planning to offer a mix of in-person and online classes for Fall 2020.

**Please note:** The Temporary Final Rule is not official and has not yet been published. Guidance permitting summer online courses still remains in effect.
SEVP Fall Guidance - Hybrid Model

- **Degree-seeking students with active status in the U.S.** (including transfers) can take more than one class or three credit hours online. However, the program cannot be entirely online for Fall 2020.

- **Current degree-seeking students with active status outside the U.S.** may continue online coursework abroad. However, current guidance suggests your SEVIS record will need to be terminated for “authorized early withdrawal” in the fall. When you are ready to return to the U.S., please reach out to OISS regarding the I-20 process.
SEVP Fall Guidance - Hybrid Model

• **New degree students outside the U.S. in initial status** may enter the U.S. if they will take at least one class with physical presence requirements. If the student is unable to enter the U.S. or plans to take online only courses, their I-20 will be deferred to the term in which they plan on attending UD for in-person coursework.

• **Active students in the U.S on post-completion OPT or STEM OPT** can maintain an active SEVIS status as long as they are complying with F-1 regulations.

• **Active students engaging in non-coursework degree requirements** (e.g. sustaining or thesis/dissertation students that have completed coursework and are engaged in research) can maintain an active SEVIS status as long as they are complying with F-1 regulations.
SEVP Fall Guidance - Language Training

- **ELI and Pathway (AT) students in the U.S.** must take full-time, in-person coursework to remain in the U.S.
- **Current ELI and Pathway (AT) students outside the U.S.** may continue online coursework abroad. However, SEVIS record (I-20) will need to be terminated for “authorized early withdrawal” in the fall. When you are ready to return to the U.S., contact OISS to discuss options for your I-20.
- **New ELI and Pathway (AT) students outside the U.S. in initial status** may enter the U.S. and take full-time, in-person coursework. If you are unable to enter the U.S., your I-20 will be deferred. You can continue to take online coursework from abroad.
SEVP Fall Guidance - Hybrid Model & I-20s

Per SEVP Guidance, OISS is required to issue updated Form I-20 documents to students who will be in the U.S. certifying that:

- the school is not operating entirely online;
- the student is not taking an entirely online course load for the Fall 2020; and,
- the student is taking the minimum number of online classes required to make normal progress in their degree program.

We are working with OISS’ immigration software company, Terra Dotta, to develop a process to issue the new I-20s. Please continue to check your university email and OISS announcements for more information.
SEVP Fall Guidance - What you Should do Now

- Watch for further communication on this issue from OISS.

- **Degree Students:** Review your plans for fall semester and your class schedule. If you plan to be in U.S in the fall, are you enrolled in at least one in-person or hybrid course?

- Contact OISS with any questions. OISS International Student advisors are here to meet through Zoom or email to discuss your specific case.
Webinar & Events Reminders

- Immigration attorneys Goldblum & Pollins webinar *(July 27, 10:00am)*
- SEVP Fall 2020 Guidance follow up webinar *(Tentatively Friday, July 17)*
- Tasty Tuesdays *(every Tuesday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm)*
- Workout Wednesdays *(every Wednesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm)*
- Summer Social Hour *(every Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 pm)*
- Connect to a Community - Graduate Student Government; Student Government Association; International Student Organizations
Questions

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Thank you.