



Immigration Updates

Office for International Students and Scholars

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Spring & Summer 2020 Recap

- March 11, 2020 - MSU suspended face-to-face instruction
- Federal government issued guidance
 - Flexibility with online course requirements
 - SEVIS record to remain active
 - Five-Month Rule
- OISS swiftly moved to virtual advising
 - LiveChat
 - Zoom Meetings (300+ Students within about a week)

Fall 2020

- March 27, 2020 – President Stanley announced that MSU will conduct courses both in-person and online.
- July 6, 2020 Federal government issued guidance
 - Some limitations with online course requirements
 - Unclear if students can maintain status outside of the U.S.
- Advocacy
 - President Stanley “Our international students deserve better and we are demanding it on their behalf.”
 - Lawsuit
 - MSU and Dr. McCallum Beatty were quoted in the brief

Fall 2020

- July 14, 2020 – Lawsuit was rescinded
- We revert back to the March guidance
 - Returning students in the U.S. are eligible for online courses
 - Returning students outside of the U.S. are eligible for all online courses
 - Returning students can maintain status while outside of the U.S.
 - Five-month Rule does not apply to students who maintain full-time enrollment

Fall 2020 Enrollment

- Enroll full-time
- Continue to make progress towards completion of your program
- If fall is your final semester, notify OISS
- If you have no plans to return to the U.S. and will complete your studies outside of the U.S. notify OISS
- Check your MSU email daily, read and respond to emails
- If you are planning to travel, get a travel signature and work with OISS to discuss any travel challenges



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