

# UCLA Extension International Programs

**Winter 2022**

## **New F-1 Visa Student - Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **Is the in-person class meeting part of my international program (i.e. Certificate, English Language Program, Study Abroad, Custom Program, etc)?**

Yes, the in-person class meeting will be a required component of all programs for new international students coming from overseas. Due to COVID-19, this is a special condition required by U.S. immigration authorities to help international students stay in the U.S. and complete their studies. All students should enroll in a course or program that offers an in-person component. Students who do not enroll in an in-person course during Winter 2022 will be automatically enrolled in the International Programs' in-person course, Guided Studies, which will fulfill this F-1 visa requirement.

### **What happens if I am a new international student coming from overseas and I do not attend the in-person class meeting that is part of my hybrid program?**

Your I-20 could be terminated for failure to meet the in-person attendance requirement. Please contact the International Student Office immediately if you are unable to attend your in-person class meeting.

### **If UCLA Extension has to cancel in-person instruction, due to COVID-19, and my program becomes 100% online, can I get a refund if I've already started my program?**

No, students will be able to complete the program online and will not be eligible for refunds.

### **What safety measures is UCLA Extension taking to ensure in-person class meetings are safe to attend?**

UCLA Extension will follow policies set by UCLA and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for schools to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for all in-person classes.

### **Will I receive units for the required in-person class meeting of Guided Studies?**

No, you will not receive academic units for the Guided Studies class. However, you will receive units for other courses in your program of study.

### **Will there be a separate cost for the required in-person class meeting of Guided Studies?**

No, there will be no separate cost for this course.

## **Will the U.S. Embassy issue an F-1 visa for me to attend UCLA Extension?**

Yes, the U.S. Department of State suspended routine visa services worldwide in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as global conditions improve, U.S. Embassies and Consulates are now offering a phased resumption of routine visa services.

Please see the individual website for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your region for information regarding its operating status and the services currently offered. To find embassy or consulate websites, go to <https://www.usembassy.gov/>. Each embassy or consulate website will have information related to COVID-19, visa wait times, and other relevant information.

Please Note: F-1 visa issuance is not guaranteed, and each I-20 form/visa application is subject to embassy/consulate review and approval.

## **I have been admitted to UCLA Extension as an international student, but now I am concerned about traveling. Can I defer my program start date? If so, do I need a new I-20?**

Yes, your attendance can be deferred to a future start date at no cost. You will need an updated I-20 to reflect the new program dates. Please contact our office at [iso@uclaextension.edu](mailto:iso@uclaextension.edu) for instructions.

If you are an Intensive English Program student, you will need to complete and submit the following two items:

1. [Online Application](#)
2. [Transfer Request Form](#)

Email the Transfer Request Form to [alcenroll@uclaextension.edu](mailto:alcenroll@uclaextension.edu) to process your deferral.

## **I am concerned about traveling. If I decide to cancel my trip to Los Angeles, can I get a refund?**

English Language Programs: Yes, please complete this [cancellation form](#) and email it to [alcenroll@uclaextension.edu](mailto:alcenroll@uclaextension.edu).

Certificate Programs: Yes, your application can be cancelled and you will be issued a full refund of the international student application fee if you decide not to attend the certificate program. Please contact the International Student Office at [iso@uclaextension.edu](mailto:iso@uclaextension.edu) as soon as possible if you decide to cancel your plans. In order to receive the refund, you may not have entered the U.S. before the program start date. If you have already enrolled in courses, please check your receipts to determine the refund deadlines for each course.

## **Which documents will I need with me when I travel to Los Angeles?**

If you are a *new student*, you will need:

- Valid passport
- Valid F-1 visa
- Valid I-20

- Form I-901 (Receipt for the SEVIS fee)
- Welcome Letter
- Copies of your financial certification

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