

Update as of 7/30/2021

Traveling back to the U.S.

Required documents for travel for international student who were enrolled during Spring 2021:

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the date you plan to reenter the United States; Some countries are [exempt](#) from this 6-month rule.
- Valid F-1 visa. [Exemption](#) may apply for students from Canada or Bermuda.
- Valid I-20 with travel endorsement (signature) on page 2
- SEVIS payment receipt (recommended)

Need a new signature on I-20? Submit online [I-20 Request form](#). The OISS will email your new I-20. Processing time is at least 5 business day, so please plan accordingly.

CDC Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Recovery from COVID-19 for All Air Passengers Arriving in the United States

Visit [CDC website](#) for more information.

Travel restrictions and National Interest Exception (NIE)

Students subject to the following travel restrictions can enter the U.S. under NIE and **students do not have to apply for NIE if they already have a valid F-1 visa**. These restrictions are NOT based on citizenship, but rather based on geographical location you have been physically in for the last 14 days prior to travel including a stop or layover at the airport:

- Schengen Area, United Kingdom and Ireland: automatic NIE for F-1 student visa holders in effect from July 2020 onward.
- China, India, Brazil, and South Africa: **Students can enter the U.S. no earlier than 8/7/2021** - 30 days before the first day of classes.

Crossing U.S. land border from Canada or Mexico

[Temporary restrictions for travelers crossing land border from Canada or Mexico for non-essential purposes](#) have been extended to August 21st and may be extended further. A student attending a school in the U.S. is considered an essential traveler. Those who are planning to travel by land from Canada or Mexico are recommended to have the verification letter of enrollment. Submit the [letter request form](#) to oiss@bryant.edu.