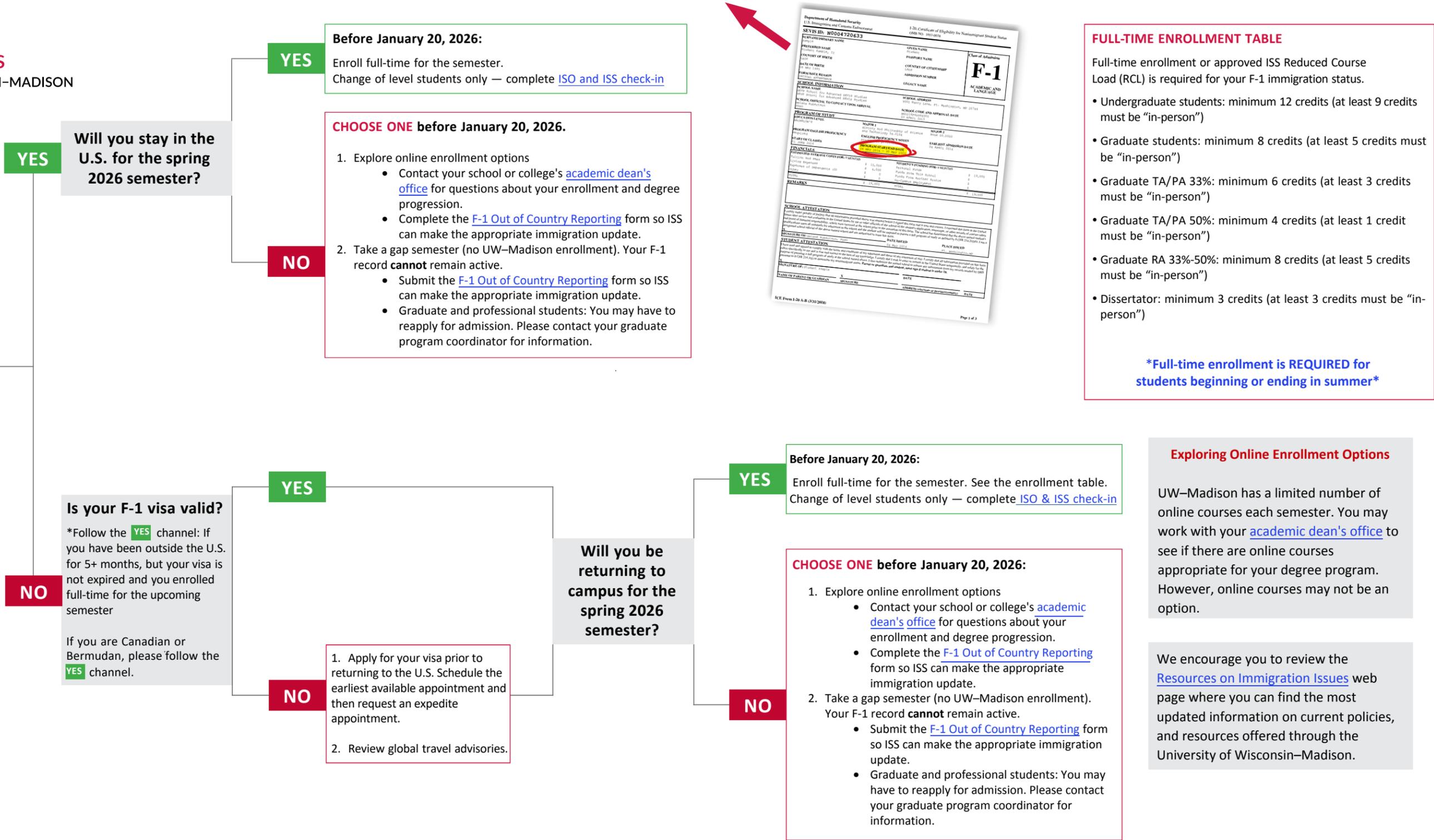


# Spring 2026 Guidance for Continuing and Change of Level International Students with a Program Start Date before January 2026 and an Active SEVIS Record



Are you currently in the U.S.?



**FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT TABLE**

Full-time enrollment or approved ISS Reduced Course Load (RCL) is required for your F-1 immigration status.

- Undergraduate students: minimum 12 credits (at least 9 credits must be “in-person”)
- Graduate students: minimum 8 credits (at least 5 credits must be “in-person”)
- Graduate TA/PA 33%: minimum 6 credits (at least 3 credits must be “in-person”)
- Graduate TA/PA 50%: minimum 4 credits (at least 1 credit must be “in-person”)
- Graduate RA 33%-50%: minimum 8 credits (at least 5 credits must be “in-person”)
- Dissertator: minimum 3 credits (at least 3 credits must be “in-person”)

*\*Full-time enrollment is REQUIRED for students beginning or ending in summer\**

**Exploring Online Enrollment Options**

UW–Madison has a limited number of online courses each semester. You may work with your [academic dean's office](#) to see if there are online courses appropriate for your degree program. However, online courses may not be an option.

We encourage you to review the [Resources on Immigration Issues](#) web page where you can find the most updated information on current policies, and resources offered through the University of Wisconsin–Madison.