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Memo to Deans

I have had the opportunity to share the information below with some of the deans as we were embarking on new programs as well as with those of you who have had questions relative to the enrollment requirements governed by the SEVP (Student Exchange and Visitor Program) associated with our international students (F1 visa) and VA (Veterans Affairs) associated with our veterans and military affiliated students. The requirements associated with these students' responsibilities related to maintaining compliance are very specific. **Please share this information with your chairs, directors and other pertinent staff.**

International Students and Military Affiliated Students

International Students – In accordance with SEVP (Student Exchange and Visitor Program) regulations international students (F-1 Visa holders) are required to be enrolled full-time, registered for and attend on-campus (in-person) courses. They are limited to only one online course a quarter or term.

Online Programs: If your program is offered **solely** through an online modality then it does not meet the criteria for international student participation in the US on an F1-Visa. Only one online or distance learning class can count toward a full course of study for an F-1 student during each term or semester.

Low Residency Programs: Students may be enrolled in Low Residency programs and participate **from their home country** as an online student. International students who are enrolled in Low Residency Programs may apply for an F-1 Visa **for the residency 'in-person' portions of the program only**. This aligns with the criteria for attending on-campus (in-person) courses. For further information related to Low Residency program participation for international students please review the following - [International Student Services Low Residency Acknowledgement](#) .

Veteran and Military-Connected Students

To qualify for the full housing allowance (if applicable), students receiving VA education benefits must be enrolled in and attending at least one on-campus (in-person) course. To maximize VA education benefits, full-time enrollment is recommended.

I hope that this information will be helpful to you as we support our students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions -- Sue Byers, sbyers@antioch.edu .

Thank you,
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