



III. *ESL-Plus Requirements for F-1 Student Visa Applicants*

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In order to pursue a full-time ESL-Plus course of study eligible for F-1 student visa application, students must:

- attend twenty class-hours per week
- maintain satisfactory academic progress
- have English language skills acquisition as their primary educational objective
- consult with a Faculty Student-Services Associate to select an appropriate sequence of courses from among those ESL-only and ESL-plus courses listed in the following “Course Description” section.

F-1 Student Visa SEVIS Record

The Institute's designated school official terminates the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) record of any F-1 student visa student who does not comply with the SEVP (Student and Exchange Visitor Program) full course of study requirement or where a pattern of non-attendance is evident.

Students may complete less than (or more than) course hours of work in listed individual course hours if teachers recommend advancement upon completion of terminal objectives prior to (or after) completion of the individual course hours. Slower students must complete 65% of the course hour terminal objectives to maintain satisfactory academic progress. Therefore, the number of hours spent in each course will vary according to course placement at registration and individual achievement of terminal course objectives.

- *Students begin studies at the level corresponding to their current language abilities as determined by a placement test and remain in the assigned level for the number of hours indicated unless the instructor recommends a higher level sooner or later. Teacher recommendations are based on student attainment of the course terminal objectives in less than (or more than) the normal number of hours.

Information Regarding The Maximum Times A Class Can Be Repeated

Students who enroll in the ESL-Plus Course of Study move their individual levels or courses at their own rate. As long as a student is in good academic standing (as defined in our student policies), a student may be in a given level for a variable amount of time.

Impact of Repeating Classes on Immigration Status

If a student is not in good academic standing, and making satisfactory academic progress in their language courses for two, consecutive bi-monthly exam periods, that student will be placed on probation for the next two bi-monthly exam periods. A student who has not achieved Good Academic Standing at the end of this probationary period is not eligible to continue at the Institute.

The SEVIS record of a student who thus fails to maintain good academic standing would be terminated for “Otherwise Failing To Maintain Status”. The “Remarks” section would specify “Failure to Maintain Good Academic Standing”.

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