

March 24, 2020

Dear F-1 International Students,

International students (F1) on the F-1 student status are required to maintain a full course load during this temporary transition to online/distance learning. For BMCC, this is a minimum of 12 credits or 12 equated credits.

You should not fall below the full course requirement unless you have been granted an approved permission by ISSO. If you are unable to maintain a full-time enrollment/course load during this period, please contact your DSO at the International Student Services Office immediately for assistance.

If you return to your home country while completing your Spring 2020 semester via online learning/instructions, we will keep your current BMCC I-20 in Active status. You do not need to request a leave of absence to complete your Spring 2020 semester in your home country. However, you should contact ISSO prior to your departure from the United States.

Should you have any further questions, please direct them to your DSO or our international inbox: internationalstudents@bmcc.cuny.edu.

Be assured that the ISSO team is here to provide you support during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Lily Yi-Elkin

Associate Director of Admissions, International Student Services