

Dear Meredith community:

On Friday, I shared with you news of the U.S. government's updated guidelines that would impact F-1 international students' ability to take classes online during the pandemic.

Today, I wanted to share the good news that on July 14, the government directive referenced in this message was rescinded. The new agreement reverts to the March guidance that allowed international students to take in-person or online courses. ([Read more on this action in Inside Higher Ed](#))

Meredith's Office of International Programs (OIP) is now awaiting official word from the U.S. government on the full implications of this decision in order to understand exactly how it will impact Meredith College F-1 students and our hybrid mode of instruction for the fall. As always, OIP staff are working directly with F-1 international students and will provide them with guidance throughout this process.

I am pleased that advocates in higher education, including [here at Meredith](#), were able to bring about this needed change. Thank you to the Meredith students, faculty, staff, and alumnae, who have expressed concern for our international students.

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