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F and M Student Visas Can Be Issued Up To a Year in Advance

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The Department of State (DOS) announced that F and M student visas for new students can now be issued up to 365 days before the start date for a course of study. However, the student cannot enter the United States on a student visa more than 30 days before the start date.

F and M student visas for continuing students may be issued at any time, DOS said, as long as the student is currently enrolled at a Student and Exchange Visitor Program-approved school or institution and in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System. Continuing students may enter the United States at any time before classes start.