SEVP
STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

Important Dates for Student Management

Program dates are the start and end dates of the entire program while the student is studying at your school.

Note: Program end dates may be shortened or extended in SEVIS, if needed. Select the SEVIS links for:

- Shorten program.
- Extend program.
- Request change to program dates.
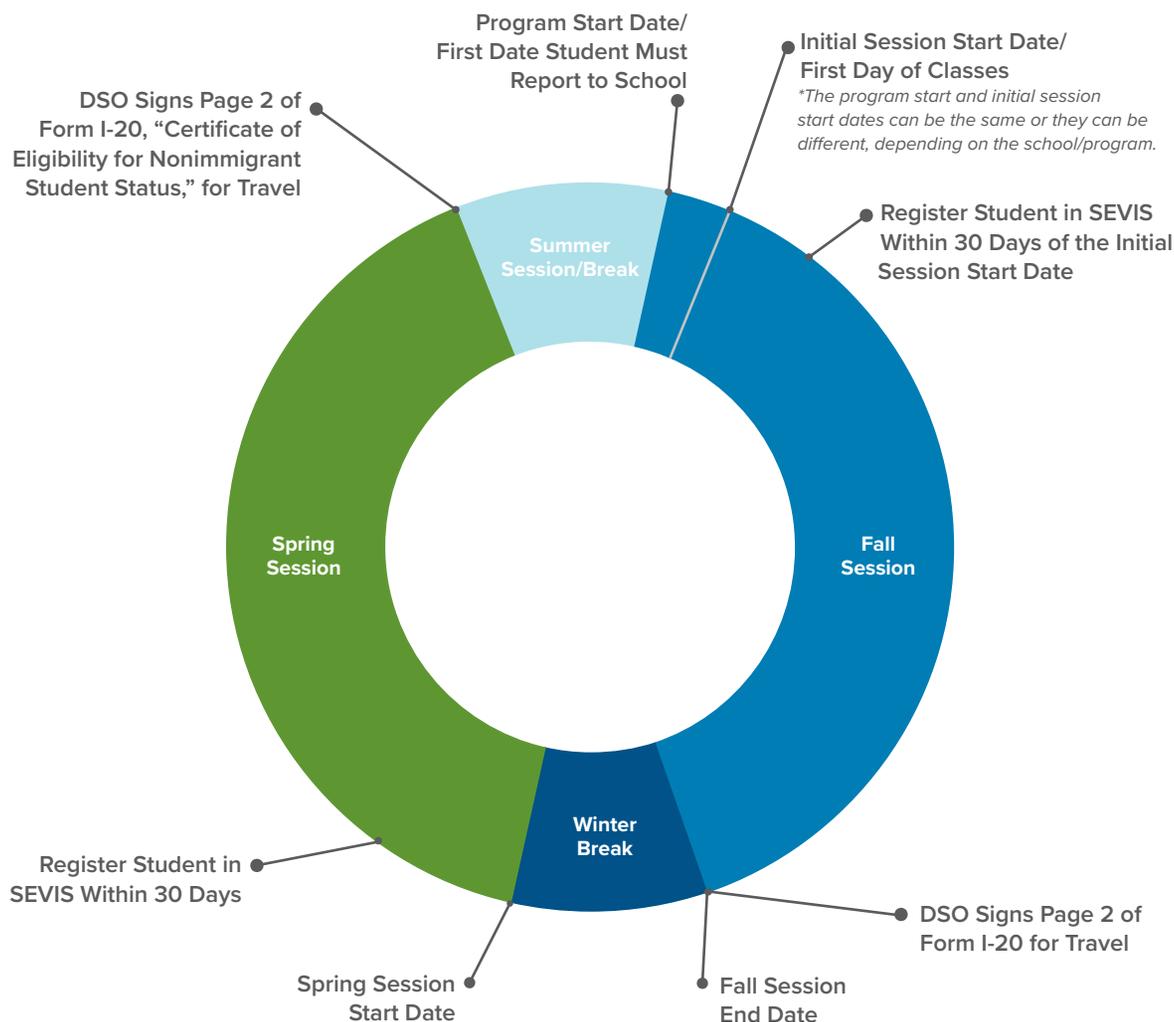- Manage Initial Program and Session Dates (if in Initial status).

Session dates are the start and end dates of each semester, trimester or quarter.

Note: If a student graduates earlier than the original program end date, use the shorten program link in SEVIS.

If a student delays enrollment, select "Manage Initial Program and Session Dates" in SEVIS if the record is in Initial status. If the record is not in Initial status, contact the SEVP Response Center for assistance.

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Program Start Date/ First Date Student Must Report to School

Initial Session Start Date/ First Day of Classes
The program start and initial session start dates can be the same or they can be different, depending on the school/program.

Register Student in SEVIS Within 30 Days of the Initial Session Start Date

Summer Session/Break

Fall Session

Spring Session

Winter Break

Register Student in SEVIS Within 30 Days

Spring Session Start Date

Fall Session End Date

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For more detailed information, please see related articles on the SEVIS Help Hub.