

Current OFAC Authorization for Distance Education

Country / Region	Authorization Status	Specific Requirements & Limitations
Iran	Restricted	Recent Update, August 26, 2026 General License G (GL G) was suspended. Delivering <i>any</i> remote courses, online training, or graduate advising to individuals in Iran now requires a specific OFAC license .
Cuba	Partially Authorized	Undergraduate-level courses are generally authorized under General License. Graduate-level courses and programs require a specific OFAC license .
North Korea	Strictly Prohibited	All levels of distance learning and online coursework require a specific OFAC license .
Syria	Strictly Prohibited	All levels of distance learning and online coursework require a specific OFAC license .
Sanctioned Regions of Ukraine (<i>Crimea, Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia</i>)	Strictly Prohibited	All levels of distance learning and online coursework require a specific OFAC license .

- **Physical Location vs. Citizenship:** OFAC restrictions apply based on the student's *physical location* at the time the educational service is received, not their nationality. Students who are citizens of sanctioned countries but residing inside the U.S. on valid non-immigrant visas (e.g., F-1, J-1) are generally permitted to take online and in-person courses.
- **Software and Platform Licensing:** Even where course content is authorized, the export of commercial learning platforms (e.g., Canvas, Blackboard), video conferencing software (e.g., Zoom), or virtual lab tools may be separately restricted under Export Administration Regulations (EAR).