



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

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Dear Cal State LA International Students:

Today, Cal State LA and other universities around the United States received a message from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that pertains to international student enrollment for the Fall 2020 semester. The message includes temporary guidelines for international students who are attending U.S. schools offering fall courses either in-person, fully online, or in a hybrid instructional format. Details of this message can be found [here](https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/sevp-modifies-temporary-exemptions-nonimmigrant-students-taking-online-courses-during#wcm-survey-target-id).
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Since the CSU decided in mid-May that all 23 campuses in the system will be offering courses this fall primarily in a virtual instructional format to support the health, safety and welfare of students, faculty and staff, we fully understand the concerns you have about your current immigration status under these temporary guidelines and whether or not you will be allowed to physically stay in the U.S. to continue your education.

The international education program leaders at the CSU Chancellor's Office have been reviewing the contents of the USDHS message and will be meeting with the senior international officers from each campus tomorrow to provide more clarity on these guidelines and discuss the next steps.

From our perspective, today's news was unexpected and deeply troubling. We know these temporary guidelines will pose many challenges for you, as well as creating undue stress. We want to assure you that we will support you and advocate for you as strongly as possible. Regardless of your immigration status, **you are still a Cal State LA student.**

As soon as we learn more about this situation, we will share the information directly with you. Until then, please contact us in the International Programs Office at International@calstatela.edu if you wish to speak with someone. You can also reach us at (323) 343-3170.

Sincerely,

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