



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

September 28, 2020

Dear Cal State LA International Student,

We hope you are doing well during these challenging times.

We want to update you with some information that pertains to your Spring 2021 registration and immigration policies.

On September 10, 2020, CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White announced that the 23 campuses in the CSU system would continue virtual instruction in the spring of 2021. Before making this decision, the Chancellor spoke with campus presidents and other stakeholders. His decision was based on the fact that our students, faculty, and staff's health and safety are paramount. Providing virtual instruction will enable students to continue to make progress toward their degrees. [Read Chancellor White's letter](#) online.

At this point in time, we encourage you to register to attend Cal State LA for Spring 2021 in a virtual format and continue to make progress toward your educational goal. As you know, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (USDHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) issued guidance that prohibits us from issuing you an I-20. Unfortunately, this will prevent you from obtaining a visa to enter the U.S. and attend Cal State LA this spring since the University is offering online instruction.

For those of you who received an I-20 for Spring 2021, we do not recommend you attempt to enter the U.S. at this time since U.S. Customs and Border Patrol may not allow you to enter the U.S. and require you to board the next flight home at your own expense. However, we hope to receive additional guidance from our government and the CSU Chancellor's Office on how to proceed with I-20's issuance for new and initial students for Spring 2021. We will let you know as soon as possible of any changes.

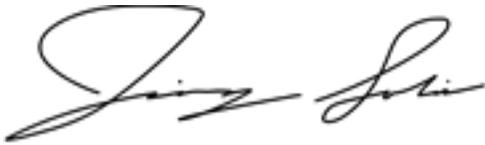
We regret the impact these recent decisions have on your plans to come to the U.S. and our campus. We know the pandemic and the current immigration restrictions issued by our federal government are making things very difficult for you and thousands of international students to attend school in the United States. We want nothing more than for you to attend Cal State LA in-person and complete your degree here in Los Angeles. You have been extremely patient and understanding. Thank you. We remain committed to support you during this difficult time and help you accomplish your educational goals.

Please watch for more information and email updates from us soon. And please feel free to contact us if you have additional questions or concerns. We will get through these unprecedented times together.

Stay strong and healthy, Golden Eagles.

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Dr. Jimmy Solis
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