

**SUBJECT:**

**ACTION REQUIRED! New Immigration Rules and Effect on Current UNM International Students**

**GRADUATE MESSAGE:**

Dear International Graduate Students,

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced new enrollment rules for fall 2020 yesterday, Monday, July 6th. We want to reassure you that you can maintain your Fall 2020 enrollment by following the instructions below. There are already many objections to this announcement from the academic community in the US, so the rules may change again. We will let you know if they do, so please check email regularly!

**Here is what you need to know right now:**

- UNM is offering a hybrid model of instruction for Fall 2020; that means that some classes are being offered face-to-face, some are being offered remotely online, and some are a mixture of face-to-face and remote (online). What you have to do for fall 2020 enrollment depends on whether you want to live in the US while taking your classes in Fall (see A), or if you want to study while residing outside of the US during Fall (see B).

**A. Here is what you MUST do if you want to live INSIDE THE U.S. while you study in Fall 2020**

- The new DHS rules allow students who are studying at schools with a hybrid model to continue to pursue studies from inside the US as long as NOT ALL OF THEIR INSTRUCTION IS ONLINE.
- **This means students are REQUIRED to maintain full-time enrollment and have at least one class that is NOT online only.**
- UNM has added a new indicator in the registration system called "Meeting Type" that indicates how a course is being delivered. Courses that **include** a "Meeting Type" of: **"Arranged" (this word by itself)**, **"Face to Face"**, or **"Face to Face Plus"...** **WILL meet the minimum requirements** because they are not entirely on-line. (Be careful: "Remote arranged" is a course offered online).
- **DO THIS NOW:** Log in to your **my.unm.edu** and look at your classes to make sure you are registered for the right "Meeting Type". An instructional video to help students find their class delivery/meeting type is here <https://vimeo.com/435746729>.
- As long as you have one class that includes the words "Face to Face" or is listed only as "Arranged" (this word by itself), you are meeting the minimum requirement for staying in the US for fall 2020 in student immigration status.
- We are currently working with departments so that they can support you in enrolling in a course with a face-to-face (in-person) component, if you are not already registered for such a course.

- If you are a graduate student with thesis or dissertation credit hours, these courses are in the “Arranged” category, which will count as in-person because it is understood that you will meet with your advisor at some points in person throughout the semester to report on your progress.
- If you are a graduate student who is not enrolled in thesis or dissertation hours, please reach out to your department to ask about non-online offerings, independent study or project classes that you can enroll in for fall.
- **Finally, if you are:** Currently outside of the US, AND you plan to return to the US to study. Email [iadvisor@unm.edu](mailto:iadvisor@unm.edu) with your full name and student ID number and we will email you a new I-20 that indicates UNM’s Hybrid instruction status for fall 2020.

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**B. Here is what you MUST do if you want to live OUTSIDE THE U.S. while you study in fall 2020**

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- It is not yet clear if your F1 record will need to be ended for the semester that you are out of the US. We will let you know in future messages.

If you have any questions about these new rules or need to speak with an international advisor you can:

- 1) Email [iadvisor@unm.edu](mailto:iadvisor@unm.edu) (please allow at least two business days for a response)
- 2) Call GEO at 505-277-4032 and schedule an appointment to speak with an advisor
- 3) Live chat the geo front office, M-F, 8-5 from our main website: [geo.unm.edu](http://geo.unm.edu)

We know that this is a challenging time for international students.

You are welcome at UNM and you are an important member of our community. We are here to support you in enrolling for the fall and in completing your degree.

Your GEO advisors:

Linda, Carolyn, Ivet and Phillip

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## UNDERGRADUATE MESSAGE:

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- If there is no appropriate face-to-face or partially face-to-face course in your degree program, please work with your academic advisor so that they can suggest courses that meet degree requirements (general education, college or school requirements, university requirements). GEO is also working with academic advisors to make them aware of the immigration restrictions you are having to comply with.

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