

July 24, 2020

Dear International Students,

New [guidance](#) was received from SEVP today. Therefore, please find this addendum to the letter I sent yesterday.

- 1) **Initial and transfer pending students (new students) who are, at present, outside of the US:**
  - a) As we shared on July 23rd, and confirmed in the current guidance, you are unfortunately ineligible to come to the US for the fall term.
  - b) Inform the OISS if you plan to enroll in fully online courses from your home country by completing the [International Student Online Course Notification](#) form.
  - c) Complete a [Travel Permission or I-20 Update Request](#) form with the date you will arrive in the US for the spring term (allow at least 10 business days for processing).
- 2) **Current students who are, at present, outside of the US and were planning to return to the US:**
  - a) The July 24 ICE guidance indicates that **“students actively enrolled at a US school on March 9, 2020, who subsequently took courses online while outside of the country can re-enter the United States, even if their school is engaged solely in distance learning.”**
  - b) Please review your Form I-20 for accuracy and make sure the travel endorsement DSO signature on page 2 is valid. If it is valid, we strongly recommend that you print and carry [this letter](#) and your course registration, along with your I-20. (If you have only an electronically signed I-20, you should print it out and sign it on the student signature line.)
  - c) If your I-20 does not have a valid travel endorsement, you need to immediately request one by submitting the [Travel Permission or I-20 Update Request](#) form and contacting the OISS at [oiss@pepperdine.edu](mailto:oiss@pepperdine.edu).
  - d) Due to the transition to fully online instruction, Pepperdine will cancel all fall housing contracts and room assignments. Further action from students is not required, and the Housing Contract Terms and Conditions are annulled for the fall 2020 semester. Students are not required to pay the balance.

**3) Current students who are, at present, outside of the US and plan to enroll online:**

- a) We are pleased to confirm that F-1 students who were in F-1 status as of March 9 can remain in status if taking full time online classes outside of the US.
- b) If you are taking online courses from outside of the United States, you should complete the [International Student Online Course Notification](#) form.
- c) Complete a [Travel Permission or I-20 Update Request](#) form in the OISS portal with the date you will return for spring term (allow at least 10 business days for processing).

**Thank you for your patience and understanding.**

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brooke O. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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