



Dear Campus Community,

Earlier this week, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced that international students will not be allowed to stay in the United States if they are not taking courses in person this fall. This policy was not only wholly unexpected, but it is deeply concerning. During a time when so many students are already facing anxiety and stress due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is senseless and unfair to put our international students in even more uncertainty.

We want you to know that the CSUSM Office of Global Programs and Services has already reached out to offer our support to our international students who are such an important part of our community, enriching our campus in countless ways. They should have every opportunity to pursue an education at CSUSM and contribute to the vitality of our university and our region.

We are urgently exploring all possibilities to meet the new criteria presented by this policy while also working with the California State University Office of the Chancellor on advocacy efforts. We are committed to the success of our international students and will continue to support them through this moment in all the ways that we can.

As we have more clarity surrounding this situation, the Office of Global Programs and Services will share more information. Should you have specific questions or concerns, please reach out to Danielle McMartin, associate director of Global Programs and Services, at dmcmarti@csusm.edu.

Sincerely,

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