

The University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley
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International Admissions
& Student Services

Dear International Student,

As Dr. Bailey mentioned in his previous email, we are fully committed to helping our international students to continue their education at UTRGV.

To accommodate the needs of all our students, we will be offering classes in four modalities in Fall 2020 semester: **face-to-face, hybrid, online asynchronous, and online synchronous**. International students will have options to continue their education with us and stay in the U.S. with the following temporary adaptations consistent with the SEVP Guidelines issued on July 6, 2020:

- Enroll in at least **ONE** (1) face-to-face or hybrid class so that you can take more than 3-credit hours of classes online.
- You must still meet the full-time enrollment requirement of 12-credit hours for undergraduate students or 9-credit hours for graduate students unless you qualify for a reduced course load (RCL).

You will be receiving a new electronic I-20 for Fall 2020 with specific remarks that will allow you to maintain your F-1 status under this temporary procedural adaptation. You must use this new I-20 from now on and keep the previous one for your records. As soon as we have your new electronic I-20, we will be emailing to your UTRGV email address. Please be on the lookout for this.

We will be closely monitoring key developments and will provide you with further information and important updates as necessary regarding this new guideline.

Sincerely,

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Director

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