

Dear UNL International Students,

Over the last several weeks and months, UNL's administrative leaders, faculty and staff have been working diligently to prepare for the fall semester, and we look forward to welcoming you back to campus. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to regularly check [UNL's Forward to Fall website](#) to see the latest plans and what they mean for you. The biggest change is that we have **modified the fall academic calendar** with classes beginning one week earlier (August 17) on a remote basis, and in-person teaching starting the following week (August 24).

**We realize that as international students, you face unique challenges and uncertainty as you plan for the fall semester and the modified calendar.** Many of you chose to travel home over the last several months and may now be having difficulty renewing your visa or making return travel plans due to current restrictions. We understand and we want to help however we can because you are an important part of our Husker community.

We have created **four, flexible Fall 2020 enrollment options** to give you guidance and confidence in planning for the fall semester. **Option 1 and 2 would require you to be physically present at UNL** to fulfill your legal immigration requirements. **Option 3 and 4 would require you to be outside of the United States** as you would no longer have a legal immigration status in the U.S.

Once you have decided on an option, please let us know what your plans are by completing this [FORM](#). **You will be asked for your university log in information to complete the form. Please let us know if you have any problems completing the form.**

- **Option 1:** You will begin your classes remotely from Aug. 17 – 23, 2020, and will arrive on campus before August 24, 2020 to continue your classes in person.
- **Option 2:** You will begin your classes remotely from Aug. 17 – 23, 2020. Because of difficulty securing a visa or making travel arrangements, you will complete coursework remotely until you can arrive on campus between Aug. 25 and Sept. 20, 2020 to continue your classes in person.
- **Option 3:** If you cannot arrive in the U.S. before September 20, 2020, you can enroll in online-only UNL classes from your home country for the Fall semester at a discounted tuition rate in keeping with any scholarship offers or financial aid you typically receive.
  - *Note: At this time, federal regulations would require the university to terminate your current SEVIS record. You would need to work with ISSO to get new documents or if possible, reactivate your SEVIS record, to return to the U.S. in Spring 2021.*
- **Option 4:** You can pause your education for a semester at UNL and plan to resume in Spring 2021.
  - *Note: At this time, federal regulations would require the university to terminate your current SEVIS record. You would need to work with the ISSO to get new documents or if possible, reactivate your SEVIS record, to return to the U.S. in Spring 2021.*

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We know you have many questions as you decide how best to continue your academic career at UNL, and we want to help. We continue to closely monitor visa processing timelines, travel recommendations, quarantining requirements and more so we can be prepared to support you. We have even expanded our team of International Student Success Navigators during this critical period. **As you have questions about your specific circumstances, please email them to [InternationalNavigators@unl.edu](mailto:InternationalNavigators@unl.edu).**

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and Go Big Red.



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