

Communication to admitted international students on Jul 8, 2020

Arizona State University is closely monitoring the news regarding a statement made by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Student and Exchange Visitor Program regarding the status of international students enrolled in colleges and universities in the U.S.

As you are likely following this news as well, I want to provide an update to you and your family. **Regardless of where you start your ASU experience — in your home country or on an ASU campus — this policy decision does not impact you.** For our on-campus classes, ASU Sync offers you the ability to attend on-campus classes in person and virtually through live sessions. ASU Sync qualifies as what SEVP refers to as a “hybrid model” in their statement. You can learn more by visiting provost.asu.edu/sync.

Mark Searle, ASU's executive vice president and university provost, shared the following statement with our currently enrolled international students today. I am sending it to you so that you can see ASU's commitment to international students like you.

If you have any questions, please email my team at ASUinternational@asu.edu. We are ready to assist you as you prepare to join ASU this fall.

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Statement from Provost Searle to ASU's international students

Dear ASU Students,

You may have heard reports today in the news media or elsewhere about an announcement made through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), regarding modifications to temporary exemptions for nonimmigrant students taking online courses. Specifically, the SEVP announced that nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 students attending schools **operating entirely online only** may not take a full online course load and remain in the United States.

ASU administration wants to reassure students that this announcement does not impact current ASU international students who are or will be enrolled in campus immersion courses at the university.

Specifically, ASU does not believe the new regulations and procedures proposed by ICE will have a material impact on the university or its international students. Students attending ASU on a F-1 visa in fall 2020 will continue to participate in immersive, synchronous classroom instruction both in-person and through ASU Sync, our digitally-enhanced, synchronous immersive learning modality.

If you have any questions or concerns about your personal situation and circumstances, please feel free to reach out directly to the ASU Provost's office or the International Students and Scholars Center.

We look forward to seeing you back on campus this fall.

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