

International Students Coronavirus Memo

University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) has been closely following the public health circumstance regarding the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19). The safety and health of UHCL's students, faculty, administrators and staff are the top concern for the university. The new virus has been a focus of attention since it first emerged, and International Admissions and Programs continues to monitor, plan and respond.

Current and prospective students should be aware of the [UHS Coronavirus Policy](#), which can change on a daily/weekly basis.

Please note the current accommodations administered for current and incoming international students:

Current F-1 International Students

International Admissions and Student Services must approve all UHCL international travel requests. Please report to the office, email OIAP@uhcl.edu or call 281-283-2740 for more information on the travel process.

*If recently traveled to affected regions based on the [CDC](#), please complete the attached [Self Report Form](#) and submit clearance from your primary care physician for clearance to International Admissions and Programs, as we are working closely with Health Services.

USCIS Policy allows international students with the ability to receive a medical reduced course load in the event you receive the appropriate documentation from your medical provider that is conducive with the immigration policy. Please e-mail intladvising@uhcl.edu for additional information on receiving a medical reduced course load.

Newly Admitted/Prospective F-1 International Students

International Admissions and Student Services would like to provide the following options for newly admitted and prospective F-1 International Students:

1. We will provide online course options until you have the ability to travel inside of the United States.
2. We will defer your attendance by providing an updated I-20 with new program start and end dates.

Please contact our office by email at OIAP@uhcl.edu or call 218-283-2740 if you are interested in the above options for attendance.

The campus is encouraging the community to view continually updated information on travel on the International Admissions and Programs website, to review CDC and UH System guidance, and to follow the [CDC](#) and [U.S. Department of State recommendations](#) for travel.