

## **University of Houston–Clear Lake (UHCL) DACA Rescind Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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**For more thorough information regarding the specifics of the DACA Rescission, see the [US Department of Homeland Security Frequently Asked Questions](#).**

- 1. If I am a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) student, does rescinding DACA allow me to continue to attend UHCL and obtain my degree?**

**Answer:** First and foremost, please be aware that UHCL does not check citizenship status when a student enrolls at the University. Secondly, the Attorney General’s ruling does not affect the expiration date of current documents that grant individuals legal status under DACA, and all properly filed pending DACA renewal requests will be considered by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Finally, DACA students should consult an immigration lawyer or clinic in relation to their situation. Students from any of the UHS campuses may contact the UH Immigration Clinic at (713) 743-2094 for a free intake consultation. Be sure to indicate you are a student with the UH System and ask for an intake consultation.

- 2. Since my personal information is in the governmental system, how can I be assured that my house will not get raided?**

**Answer:** While UHCL cannot guarantee how any governmental agency will proceed in a specific instance, the US Department of Homeland Security has indicated on its [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page that information provided to USCIS in DACA requests will not be proactively provided to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or to the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

- 3. Where can students who are affected by this determination find support on campus?**

**Answer:** The University of Houston Law Center’s Immigration Clinic is available to UH students from any campus who need a free intake consultation. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the clinic main number at (713) 743-2094. Be sure to indicate you are a student with the UH System and ask for an intake consultation.

Counseling to help cope with the anxiety of uncertainty is also available through UHCL’s Counseling Services. Counseling Services promotes the well-being of the diverse campus community by balancing high quality mental health services and clinical training with accessibility to foster student success through self-discovery, learning and interpersonal

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engagement. Counseling Services believes that the mental health of students is a vital component of their academic, personal, and professional success and is able to provide emotional and psychological support for students who may be experiencing a range of emotions, including fear, shock, anxiety, sadness, helplessness, and/or anger. Counseling Services is located on the third floor of the Student Services/Classroom Building, room 3.103. They can also be reached at 281-283-2580. For more information, please visit <https://www.uhcl.edu/counseling-services>.

Support and information can also be found in the Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Office located on the first floor of the Student Services Classroom Building in room 1.302. Staff can be reached by phone: 281-283-2648 or email: [studentdiversity@uhcl.edu](mailto:studentdiversity@uhcl.edu). For more information, please visit [www.uhcl.edu/campus-life/diversity-inclusion](http://www.uhcl.edu/campus-life/diversity-inclusion).

Assistance can also be found in the Office of the Dean of Students located on the first floor of the Student Services Classroom Building in room 1.201. Staff can be reached by phone: 281-283-2567 or email: [deanofstudents@uhcl.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@uhcl.edu). For more information, please visit [www.uhcl.edu/dean-of-students](http://www.uhcl.edu/dean-of-students).

**4. If DACA is permanently rescinded/eliminated how would I obtain work in the country and in my field? Is obtaining my degree worthwhile?**

**Answer:** Obtaining a work permit – and finding a job in any field – is an issue which is in fact dependent on each individual’s situation. However, a University of Houston-Clear Lake degree is an indication of the education that a student has received, which maintains its value throughout your life.

**5. Does rescinding DACA affect my status as a student receiving in-state tuition?**

**Answer:** No. UHCL will continue to provide in-state tuition for Texas DREAMers that qualify which is essentially based on one’s residency status. As a public university, UHCL opens its doors to all individuals, and accepts for admission those students who meet the academic qualifications. Indeed, diversity is one of the cornerstones of a UHCL education. As part of that foundation, UHCL embraces and encourages DACA students and provides opportunities that have been and remain available under state law.

**6. Should faculty or administrative staff inquire about a student’s immigration status?**

**Answer:** Generally, no. The very limited exception to this inquiry is if the faculty or administrative staff member works in a capacity to assist DACA students or otherwise assist with immigration questions and the student asks for information or assistance.

**7. Who do I contact if I feel my rights are being violated on campus?**

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**Answer:** If you are concerned that your rights are being violated, you can file a report with either the UHCL Office of Human Resources or the UH System Office of Equal Opportunity Services (EOS), which processes and investigates all complaints regarding protected classes and Title IX protocols.

To inquire or file a complaint with the UHCL Office of Human Resources (HR), please contact the office at 281-283-2160; email: [humanresources@uhcl.edu](mailto:humanresources@uhcl.edu); website: <https://www.uhcl.edu/human-resources>. HR is located on the second floor of the Bayou Building in room 2537.

To inquire or file a complaint with the UH System EOS Office, please contact EOS to set up an appointment or visit the EOS office in person. The EOS Office is located in Student Service Center 2, Bldg. 526; email: [EOS@uh.edu](mailto:EOS@uh.edu); phone 713-743-8835; website: <http://www.uh.edu/equal-opportunity/>.

Additionally, you can file a report with the Fraud & Non-Compliance Hotline by logging on to [www.Convercent.com/report](http://www.Convercent.com/report), or calling 1-800-461-9330 to make a report 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The call center supports more than 300+ languages.

### **UHCL President Response to DACA Termination**

The University of Houston-Clear Lake supports education for all students and is concerned about the current action regarding the Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. We believe all who aspire to higher education should be permitted to access the tools necessary to reach their goals. Joining with the other UH System universities, UHCL will actively support all students through any means allowed by the law. As part of the UH System, we are committed to working with national higher education organizations and Congressional leaders to find a solution.