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To Whom It May Concern:

During the Fall 2020 semester, UNC Charlotte will offer classes in multiple formats including face-to-face, hybrid, and fully online.

**Guidelines for F-1 students entering the U.S.**

- **Continuing students** – Per SEVP’s March 2020 guidance, continuing students may re-enter or remain in the U.S. if they are taking classes entirely online.
- **New students** – As addressed in SEVP’s July 24<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 FAQ’s for Fall 2020, new F-1 students must show that they are enrolled in a class with an in-person component since new students cannot enter the U.S. if they are enrolled in a program that is entirely online. **The student can provide a copy of their UNC Charlotte Fall 2020 course registration which indicates the instructional method for each class.** SEVP’s July 6<sup>th</sup> guidance was rescinded that required students to show an annotated I-20 confirming that they are not enrolled in an entirely online program.
- **Support for late arrival of newly admitted students up to September 10th** - The International Student & Scholar Office recognizes that some students are scheduling last minute visa appointments to arrive at UNC Charlotte for Fall 2020 classes. **Therefore, the International Student & Scholar Office supports students’ late entry to the U.S. if they can arrive by September 10th.** This allows students time to attend class and if needed, modify their schedule before registration closes. If students need additional time, they may ask their academic department to support their late arrival up to September 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact the International Student and Scholar Office at 704-687-7781. Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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