

UFIC Notice to Exchange Partner Universities - March 18, 2020

Dear Partners,

Yesterday, the University of Florida President announced that the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester would be online. The [attached email](#) was sent to students. You will also note that four UF students were confirmed to have COVID-19.

In response, the International Center sent [additional information via email](#) and made virtual Office Hours available for exchange students yesterday afternoon to discuss their options and questions.

At this time – we can support the following options:

- Students remaining in the US, completing their coursework work remotely, and maintaining their US J1 Visa status. Transcripts will be provided at the end of their program period. If students choose to leave Gainesville, we've provided guidance about how to update our office.
- Students who choose to depart the US and complete their coursework remotely. In this case we would shorten their US J1 visa status. Transcripts will be provided at the end of their program period.
- Students that choose to depart the US and withdraw from their coursework. In this case we would shorten their US J1 visa status and facilitate UF course withdrawal.

We've also advised students to consult with their home universities for guidance and any requirements. The situation is evolving very quickly and I will continue to notify you of any updates.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions.