



California State University, Fresno

Message from Dr. Sarah Lam,  
Assistant Vice President of International Affairs

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Declaration of Compliance with SEVP Guidance

This is to certify that the California State University, Fresno (Fresno State) is an approved SEVP institution. During the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Fresno State has kept ongoing communication with SEVP on our mode of instruction for fall 2020, which includes both virtual and in-person instruction.

We are certifying that continuing international students at Fresno State meet the eligibility requirements to return to the U.S. according to the following SEVP guidance updated on July 24th, 2020 <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/bcmFall2020guidance.pdf>

“Active F and M students, as well as schools certified by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) should abide by SEVP guidance originally issued in March 2020.

The March 2020 guidance applies to continuing F and M nonimmigrant students who were in valid F-1 or M-1 nonimmigrant status on March 9, 2020, including those previously enrolled in entirely online classes who are outside of the United States and seeking to re-enter the country this fall. Students actively enrolled at a U.S. school on March 9, 2020, who subsequently took courses online while outside of the country can re-enter the United States, even if their school is engaged solely in distance learning.”

Any assistance rendered to our students to return to the US to complete their degree programs would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Lam".

Sarah Lam, Ed.D.  
Assistant Vice President of International Affairs