Dear International Students,

These are unprecedented times. We want to make sure that you are doing well, staying safe and aware of relevant information. You may have questions while you and your families decide how to proceed for the rest of the semester. We are here to help.

University Instruction – now all online (as of March 19, 2020)

The University has informed us that all instruction will be conducted online for the rest of the Spring 2020 semester. Therefore, students will not return to campus for the rest of Spring 2020. Please monitor the University’s COVID-19/Coronavirus websites for more details on instruction and any other updates. Students currently living on-campus should expect to receive direct communication from the Office of Housing and Residential Life. The Division of Student Affairs will also provide information about continued student services for the rest of the semester.

Immigration Regulations

Please continue to monitor the ISSO website for the most current immigration information, as well as for links to other informational resources. We are here to make you aware of all factors and to provide as much guidance and assistance possible, especially as the situation is constantly changing. We will update you of any rule changes from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

To maintain their immigration status, students MUST continue their online instruction per the University’s guidelines. Currently DHS guidance allows students to continue their online instruction either from within the U.S. or from outside the U.S.

Travelling outside the U.S.

If you have left the U.S., or are considering leaving the U.S, you will need to consider how immigration policies will influence your departure. Things to know:

- At this time, you may continue your Towson classes online in your home country.
- All immigrant and non-immigrant visa services have been cancelled at all U.S. Embassies and Consulates overseas, as of March 18, 2020. At this time we do not know when these services will resume. Students requiring visa renewals will likely experience delays.
- Some countries may be recalling their citizens.

Let us know if you are leaving (or have left) the U.S.: complete the “COVID 19/Coronovirus Travel Report” form on the ISSO Portal.
Staying inside the U.S.?

- Update your Local Address in PeopleSoft if you have moved for the rest of the semester.
- Complete the “COVID 19/Coronovirus Travel Report” form on the ISSO Portal. There is a place on the form to report any urgent needs.

Town Hall Check-Ins

The ISSO will host periodic, virtual Town-Hall-type check-ins, where we will answer your questions. You can submit questions for these Town Hall check-ins at our Google Form. Please check your e-mail regularly for dates, times, and information on accessing these sessions.

We care about your well-being and hope to hear from you soon. We appreciate your patience as Towson University adapts to this fluid situation.

Stay safe,

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