

**IMPORTANT:**

# WINTER AND SPRING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



In preparing for the 2021 calendar year, the safety of our students and staff remains our absolute priority. In compliance with directives established by UCR, the State of California, and Riverside County public health authorities, these directives are subject to change based on the current health situation.

**In order to maintain these standards, all instruction for winter and spring 2021 will remain remote.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Are students able to apply for programs that begin in the winter or spring 2021 quarters?**

Yes, students may still apply for admission to an available program/certificate that begins in winter or spring 2021, with the understanding that these options are remote-instruction only and students will not be able to enter the United States. Students may continue to study with us from their home country and still receive high-quality instruction.

### **Which programs can accept new applicants for the winter and spring 2021 quarters?**

At this time, **we are able to accept new, open-enrollment applicants for winter and spring 2021 for the Online University Program.** In this program, students may take a combination of courses offered through UCR University Extension and/or UCR main campus. Students are assigned a Student Success Coach who will guide them through the entire process. Students may also select courses which fulfill one of many professional certificate programs.

Online ESL courses are offered on a very limited basis at this time. For special consideration, please contact [IEP\\_Application@ucx.ucr.edu](mailto:IEP_Application@ucx.ucr.edu).

The Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma Program offerings will not be available until fall 2021.

### **Can students enter the United States for winter or spring 2021 quarters if they obtain visas?**

No. The initial I-20 that students received (or would receive) from UCR University Extension will not be valid for the winter or spring 2021 quarters. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, students will not be able to enter the United States at this time using an I-20. Students have two options: (1) They may postpone attendance to a future quarter when the program is offered again on campus (recommended fall 2021) or (2) Request to cancel the I-20. Students may continue to study from their home country without an I-20. If a major change occurs and UCR University Extension is able to offer in-person instruction for spring 2021, students and partners will be contacted immediately.



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For special consideration of other program offerings, please contact [IEP\\_Application@ucx.ucr.edu](mailto:IEP_Application@ucx.ucr.edu).

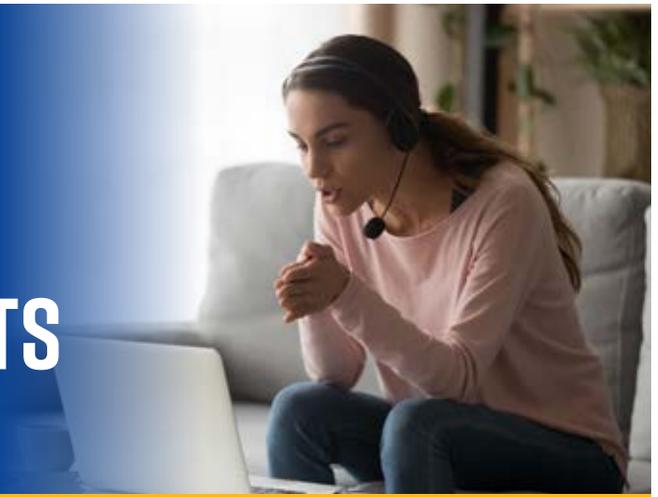
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (continued)

### **Is there any chance that winter or spring 2021 quarters will change to in-person instruction?**

It is very unlikely that UCR University Extension will return to in-person courses prior to fall 2021, so it is important to check our website for updates regarding the situation. At this time, it is best to proactively plan for fall 2021, at the very earliest.

### **Should students still schedule visa appointments?**

At this time, students should not make any plans to schedule visa appointments. If students have already scheduled a visa appointment, it would be best to cancel/postpone the appointment.

### **(Current students) What happens if a student completes their program at UCR University Extension from the home country for winter and spring 2021, is then accepted to UCR main campus, or a different school for fall 2021?**

Students in the MBPP, GPP, and APP programs may be confused should this happen. If students are in one of these programs, they may continue to study with UCR University Extension from their home country for winter and spring 2021.

If students are successfully admitted to UCR main campus (or a different school) for fall 2021, they should request a new, initial I-20 from that school.

At that time, students may use the new I-20 from the new school to apply for a visa and entry into the United States for fall 2021.

### **What if a student is currently in the US and already studying with UCR University Extension?**

Students currently in programs from within the United States or on active Optional Practical Training (OPT) are not impacted. These students should continue to maintain status through academic progression or authorized employment during OPT.

### **What if a student is in the United States and wishes to transfer to UCR University Extension?**

Students currently in the United States may transfer to UCR University Extension and study winter or spring 2021 in the Online University Program only. These students would not be required to leave the United States.

