

International Affairs International Students and Scholars

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To Whom It May Concern:

During the coming weeks and months, new students admitted to The University of California, Riverside will be applying for an F-1 or J-1 visa to enter the U.S. to begin study on our campus. We are respectfully asking for expedited visa services to ensure that students can arrive in time to complete all needed health and safety requirements and begin their coursework.

Fall 2021 Operations

The University of California, Riverside (School Code LOS214F00177000) has available on-campus instruction for Fall 2021, with classes beginning on **September 23rd**. International students are strongly encouraged to arrive on campus as early as possible to fulfill any pertinent health and safety requirements as well as final registration requirements in time to attend classes on the first day. During Fall 2021, UCR instruction will be largely in-person courses, with some remote and dual-mode options available.

ISS will permit students to arrive by October 15 if allowed by their academic departments and in the case of graduate students, the graduate division.

Health Guidance

The university follows CDC guidelines regarding quarantine protocols after arrival in the U.S. and currently has both COVID-19 testing and vaccination facilities on campus. UCR plans to require COVID vaccination for the Fall 2021 quarter.

If you need further information, please feel free to contact me at michael.schmelzle@ucr.edu.

Sincerely,

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