COVID 19 UPDATES
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How can I receive assistance from the Office of the International Student and Faculty Services (OISFS)?
The OISFS staff is working remotely like most of the offices at Morgan but will accommodate travel signatures, OPT packets and other requests that require office visits on a case-by-case basis. The office will be closed to students unless we are expecting your arrival.

Please send ALL requests in writing (by email) to international.affairs@morgan.edu and a DSO will follow up with you within 24 hours.

Below is the most recent guidance we have received from the Department of Homeland Security's Student Exchange & Program (SEVP) for F-1 Visa holders:

Can nonimmigrant (F-1) students participate in online classes?
Nonimmigrant students can continue to make normal forward progress in their program of study. They can temporarily engage in distance-learning, either from within the U.S. or outside the country, in light of COVID-19. SEVP will provide updated guidance as additional information concerning the scope and length of this situation becomes clearer.

Can nonimmigrant (F-1) students participate in online classes from outside the U.S. and still maintain their nonimmigrant status?
Yes, nonimmigrant students can temporarily engage in distance-learning, either from within the U.S. or outside the country, in light of COVID-19. SEVP will provide updated guidance as additional information concerning the scope and length of this situation becomes clearer.

Will (F-1) students be able to return to the United States if they are continuing their studies outside of the country as a result of COVID-19?
Students who continue to make normal progress in their course of study remain eligible for admission into the United States. However, because of the changing array of travel restrictions, nonimmigrant students should refer to their local embassy’s website through the U.S. Department of State for any updates about visa issuance. Also, Department of Homeland Security and the Center for Disease Control websites both provide information about current travel restrictions to the United States.

We will keep you informed as we learn more and wish you a successful semester!

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