



# WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL

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To Our International Students:

We are aware of the [recent announcement](#) by the Department of Homeland Security that international students on student visas may not remain in the United States if they are enrolled in a program being offered entirely online.

As we indicated in our communication to you on July 6, we will be offering in-person instruction as a component of our academic program this fall. However, if you opt for the remote-only mode of instruction that will be available due to COVID-19, it appears that the new DHS policy would require nonimmigrant students on F-1 or M-1 visas to participate in that course of instruction from outside of the United States. We want you to be aware of the implications of your choice regarding a preferred mode of instruction so that you can make an intelligent decision.

Additionally, for our new students, we wish to remind you of our offer to permit you to defer your enrollment to the Fall of 2021 when we anticipate a return to normalcy. Incoming LLM students may defer their enrollment to the Spring of 2021 or the Fall of 2021.

We appreciate that this policy announcement by DHS is very distressing and could not come at a worse time. Rest assured that we are in solidarity with you and will do what we can to provide an educational program that will meet your needs under the DHS policy. We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more information.

Sincerely,

A. Benjamin Spencer  
Dean & Chancellor Professor