

Navigating Federal, State, and Institutional Policies During COVID-19

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An aerial photograph of the Western Carolina University campus, showing various red brick buildings, green lawns, and a baseball field. The campus is nestled in a valley surrounded by dense green forests and rolling mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

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Western Carolina University at a glance

Enrollment: 12,167 students

1,698 graduate students (14.0 %)

66 % female / 34 % male

23.0 % underrepresented

5.4% international

Graduate Degree Programs:

**42 degree and certificate programs
including 5 doctoral programs**

Students: Cullowhee, Asheville, online



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**\$500 / semester tuition
*undergraduate only***

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Impact of Federal Policies

INTERNATIONAL

The Chronicle of Higher Education



Trump Administration Rescinds Visa Rule Amid Widespread Pushback

By Andy Thomason | JULY 14, 2020



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The Trump administration has rescinded guidance that would have prohibited international students from studying at campuses offering online-only instruction this fall. The move came on Tuesday amid widespread pushback from the higher-education community that included multiple lawsuits and a near-unanimous chorus of protest, alleging unnecessary [cruelty by the White House](#)

during a deadly pandemic.

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Impact of State Policies

The News & Observer



CORONAVIRUS

NC schools will reopen in August, with restrictions. Here's the plan from Gov. Cooper.

This will mark the return of in-person classes for students for the first time since mid-March.

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Impact of Institutional Policies

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