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## Covid-19: Attendance for Study on Campus

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### Policy Statement

- 1.1 As the UK begins to recover from the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic, a Policy on attendance has been developed **to highlight the University's commitment to** supporting students in line with guidance from the government, public health advice, health and safety legislation and HE sector guidance.
- 1.2 The **Policy outlines the RAU's principles and framework for** students returning to campus and notes where exceptions might be need to be made, and how these exceptions may be accommodated.
2. Scope
  - 2.1 The Policy applies to all students at the University who would normally be expected to study at the Cirencester campus.
3. Principles for Return to Study after Covid-19
  - 3.1 The RAU will seek to ensure that flexibility is in place to deliver a high-quality experience, and will support students to achieve their learning outcomes in a safe manner.
  - 3.2 The University is expecting all students to return to campus for their studies in September 2020, although this may change in response to Government guidelines.
  - 3.3 Students, that are able to travel in accordance with government guideline, are expected to return to campus to study in person rather than online.

- 3.4 In exceptional circumstances, including inability to travel or personal health reasons, students may request permission to study entirely online. Requests should be sent to [registry@rau.ac.uk](mailto:registry@rau.ac.uk). Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis by member of the Registry team and a Senior Academic. Appeals against a decision, will be heard by a member of VCEG.
- 3.5 Students given permission to continue studies entirely online should be able to achieve the relevant programme learning outcomes. However, the teaching experience will inevitably be different from those students able to participate in the face to face sessions.
4. Quarantine and Self-Isolation
- 4.1 Students who are travelling to the University from locations identified by the UK Government as requiring quarantine will be expected carry out their quarantine on campus or in their UK accommodation.
- 4.2 Arrangements will be made for quarantining or self-isolating students to participate in their classes online for the duration of their quarantine or self-isolation period.
5. Equality and Diversity
- 6.1 The RAU aims to uphold the principles of fairness and equality of treatment. The University is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion during this period.
6. Policy Review
- 12.1 It is expected that the Covid-19: Attendance for Study on Campus Policy will be reviewed on a regular basis to reflect changes in government guidance.