ON-LINE/DISTANCE LEARNING WAIVER

WITH REGARD TO SEVIS REGULATION 8 C.F.R. 214.2 (F)(6)(I)(G)

Exemption of Regulation

Departments that are taught on-line using web based or telecommunications presentation can fulfill the physical attendance requirement for international student if they do the following:

1. In the course syllabus, every instructor in an on-line course must include an alert to F-1 students about the SEVIS on-line rule.

2. All F-students who need “physical attendance” activities on campus in order to avoid violating the SEVIS rule must notify the instructor within the first week of the class that he or she needs an on-campus activity. The student will notify the instructor by completing and submitting an on-line Waiver form available at the Office of International Student Services (ISS.)

3. On the form the instructor will describe in detail the on-campus activities in which the student will participate.

4. The instructor will keep a copy of this form for his/her records and the original will be sent to ISS by the end of the first week of classes for insertion into the student’s permanent immigration file.

5. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that he/she stays in status with USCIS by taking a full course of study every semester as required by law.

8 C.F.R. § 214.2(f)(6)(I)(G)

(G) For F-1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F-1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.
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Please complete the following form and return it to the Office of International Student Services, Welch Hall, before the end of the first week of classes.

Course Title and Number ____________________________________________________________

Semester __________________________________________________________________________

Name of Instructor ________________________________________________________________

Department __________________________________________________________________________

Name of Student ________________________________________________________________

NUID # ____________________________ SEVIS __________________________________________

If the course is taught predominantly on line, you must require on-campus activities for international students. Please describe in detail the on-campus requirements that might include but not restricted to the following: testing, student/professor conferences, presentations, laboratory work, or other class-related activities, that will take place on the UNK campus:

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Signature _________________________________________________________________

Date ________________________________________________