Dear students,

As you might already know, starting with 16th of March, the President of Romania declared one-month state of emergency to prevent the spreading of the new coronavirus. From this perspective, the Romanian-American University has decided to extend the suspension of didactic activities carried out as standard, in a "face to face" regime, conferences, symposia and other events between March 23th - April 05th 2020. During this time, didactic activities will continue based on the e-learning institutional system. We mention that resumption of teaching activities is expected to be carried out on April 22th 2020, after the holidays.

Please find in attachment the summary of the President regarding the state of emergency.

We are aware that this situation is unusual and challenging for everybody, especially for international students, who find themselves in a foreign country and away from home. Taking this into consideration, we want to make sure you know that you can count on us for support, so if you have any questions, if you face difficulties of any kind, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Also, we would like to encourage you to follow the recommendations of the authorities, which consist of paying attention to your personal hygiene (washing hands thoroughly, coughing and sneezing into a tissue or the crook of your arm, wearing masks when sick etc.), practicing social distancing and also remaining at home as much as possible.

For details regarding your courses and teaching materials, please use the dedicated communication section within the <u>PaginaMea</u> platform or the institutional <u>email addresses</u> of the teaching staff.

Moreover, during the following period of time, communications with the school secretariate is done by by email, and we kindly ask for allowing a reasonable reply time.

For those of you staying in the dormitory, we would like to inform you that, for your own safety , several restrictive changes have been made and should be strictly followed (please read carefully the attached document).

We would like to remind you that the specialized staff of the **RAU medical office - floor 5, body B** - is available daily to the university community, offering consultations and information to clarify any other health problems.

Furthermore, we strongly advice you to not travel outside Bucharest or Romania during this time. In case it is absolutely necessary, please contact us before deciding to travel.

Thank you for your understanding and please don't hesitate to contact us at <u>international@rau.ro</u> for any issues that you might face or any support you might need during these moments.

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