

Template for emailing professors about current political climate impacting your education

Acknowledgements:

Hello everyone! SUIE knows how difficult it may be to approach your professors about the current political climate and its impact on your class participation or coursework. Here are some templates for emails that you can send and also change to your liking. Our advice is to be honest about what you need from your professors, it is SO important to self-advocate. UNC professors know that life can sometimes get in the way of our studies, and at the end of the day we are more than just students. Feel free to share this document with your friends and classmates who might need it. Make a copy of it and adjust the message to your liking.

Best of luck, we are here if you need anything!

- Students United For Immigrant Equality

Subject line suggestions:

- Class name & Number | Personal Update | Your Name

Option 1

Dear Professor _____,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to update you on a personal matter that may affect my performance in class.

I have been feeling extremely overwhelmed with our country's current political situation as the (daughter/son) of immigrant parents / I am from an area that has been recently targeted with I.C.E raids.

I have tried my best to stay on top of recent assignments/readings, but I wanted to directly communicate with you in case I start falling behind in class or seem less attentive.

Thank you for your time,

[Name]

Option 2

Good morning/afternoon Professor _____,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing this email to notify you of a genuine concern I am having in regards to my family/community.

With the current news of racial profiling of immigrant communities in N.C. leading to the kidnapping of innocent people, I have been feeling extremely... (worried, anxious, scared, etc.).

[Insert recent concerns of ICE presence in your hometown or even your own fear of being a person of color in predominately white spaces].

[Ask for what YOU need]

- I was wondering if I would be allowed an [specific amount of days or date] extension to perform quality work. Reference that you know the syllabus explanation for late work, so they know if you are willing to get points deducted.
- I would like to speak with you in private to discuss what I am feeling and how I would like to be supported during these scary times.

Sincerely,

[Name]