



What Should 2021 Students Entering Universities Know

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This was undoubtedly a difficult year for many newly admitted college students. Many students are still not sure if they will be attending campus virtually or in-person this coming Fall. For many, 2020 meant an increase in virtual learning. New international students should be prepared to take online classes in the Fall of 2021.

There are some steps that students can take to ensure a successful first-year college experience. Many students are choosing to defer their college acceptance for a semester or a year since many embassies have yet to resume visa processing. Whether students decide to take time off or start college in the Fall, the recommended steps are as follows:



- 1. Ensure that students are regularly checking email communication from their school.** The school's website is a great place to find campus-wide communications and procedures for new international students. Students can also stay in touch with their admissions and financial aid officers online.
- 2. Attend virtual information sessions through Zoom or other videoconferencing tools.** This is a great way to meet other students and campus faculty! The school's orientation may even be offered virtually this year.
- 3. Stay in touch with the school's International Student Office.** Students should be kept up to date on their visas, vaccinations, and other changing requirements. Schools may even have virtual office hours through a platform such as Zoom for employees of the International Student Office to meet with students. Students can also learn how to maintain their legal status to study in the US if they are currently in their home country.

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