

International Graduate Student Town Hall

November 2020

■ Agenda

- ❖ Opening remarks, College of Graduate Studies
 - Marc d'Alarcao, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
- ❖ Graduate Admissions and Program Evaluations (GAPE) Updates
 - Christie Wright, Associate Director
- ❖ International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) Updates
 - Parinaz Zartoshty, Director
- ❖ Closing remarks, College of Graduate Studies
 - Marc d'Alarcao, Dean, College of Graduate Studies

■ Logistical Notes

- ❖ You may submit questions in the chat or wait until Q&A portion (last 30 minutes) to ask them live
 - Please stay muted unless you are about to speak
 - You may leave video on or off
- ❖ Session will not be recorded, but slides will be posted [here](#) within the next week (“Spring 2021 Options for Admitted International Students” webpage)

Opening Remarks



Welcome to SJSU - The Most Transformative University in the United States

Brief status update:

- SJSU is open in hybrid mode -phase 2 of SJSU Adapt Plan
- Santa Clara County is in the Orange Risk Tier (Tier 3)

Graduate Admissions and Program Evaluations (GAPE)

- Spring 2021 Options for Admitted International Students webpage
- Departments with Hybrid Courses
- Department Hybrid Letter
 - Some departments have sent already
 - If not, contact graduate advisor
 - Take department letter to visa appointment
- Student Visa Appointments & Experiences

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)

- SEVP Guidance (based on fall 2020)
 - Information forthcoming ([ISSS website](#) and email)
 - ISSS Town Hall
- Consular interviews/POE
 - when is the latest arrival date for spring 2021?
- Quarantine guidelines (SJSU, state, federal)
- CPT/OPT eligibility
- Global Spartan Welcome ([GSW](#))
- Pre-arrival [information](#)
- Contact: international-office@sjsu.edu

■ Closing Remarks

- The watchword for our times: *flexibility*.
- We want you to do what works best for you and your career plans.
- Students admitted for spring 2021 have three options:

■ Closing Remarks

- 1) Arrive physically in San Jose in January to begin graduate study
 - Advantages
 - Don't lose time toward graduate degree and career objectives
 - Start clock on CPT/OPT
 - Challenges
 - May be difficult to get visa and travel arrangements in time

■ Closing Remarks

2) Take classes remotely in January to begin graduate study (*The Way to San Jose*)

- Advantages
 - Don't lose time toward graduate degree and career objectives
 - Doesn't require that visa issue in time
 - Possibly cost savings by living at home
- Challenges
 - Will not start clock on CPT/OPT
 - Not all classes at convenient times

■ Closing Remarks

3) Defer admissions to fall 2021

- Advantages
 - Allows a delay if required by circumstances
- Challenges
 - Delays graduate school and career (opportunity costs)

■ Closing Remarks

Regardless of the how and when, we look forward to welcoming you to SJSU.

Please reach out to us with questions or concerns:

graduate-studies@sjsu.edu

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Q&A

Please submit questions in chat or raise your hand to unmute and speak.

Thank You

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