International Graduate Student Town Hall

November 2020
Agenda

❖ Opening remarks, College of Graduate Studies
  ➢ Marc d’Alarca, 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’Alarca, 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:
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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