INTERNATIONAL CENTER
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT Q & A

February 4, 2021
Agenda

• Staff introductions & Updates

• Overview of New Spring Semester Schedule on International Students

• Questions
Staff Introductions & Updates

• International Center Staff

• Dean of Students Office

• Residential Life and Housing

• Graduate Admissions
Spring 2021 Semester

- February 22, 2021 – Classes start remotely

- March 5, 2021 – No classes

- March 8-9, 2021 – Classes are remote

- March 10, 2021 – In-person classes
F-1 Immigration Compliance

Clark intends to operate in a hybrid format for the Spring 2021 semester with a mix of online and in-person courses. Delaying the start of the in-person courses does not change the intended format of the semester. This means that per the July 24, 2020 SEVP Broadcast Message; the following applies:

- International F-1 students may study inside the United States
- Students who are entering the U.S. for the first time in F-1 status (with initial status I-20) must enroll in at least one in-person or hybrid class in order to maintain their F-1 status
- Continuing or returning F-1 students (with a I-20 for “continued attendance”) may study 100% online
Late Arrival - Form I-20/DS-2019

- If you adjust your travel plans and are arriving later than February 22, 2021, which is the session start date on your Form I-20/DS-2019, you should request a new Form I-20/DS-2019 with a new start date. It is not advisable for students to arrive after the start date on their Form I-20/DS-2019.

- To request an updated Form I-20/DS-2019 please complete the Form that was emailed to you

- Contact ISSO@clarku.edu for immigration questions
Students Living On Campus

• Read all emails from Dean of Students and Residential Life and Housing

• Please delay your arrival if at all possible

• Complete the request form from RLH if you cannot change your travel plans

• Contact internationalcenter@clarku.edu if you need assistance with your arrival plans
Students Living off-campus

- If you are living off campus, it is understandable that you may not be able to alter your travel arrangements, and you will continue to plan to come to Worcester before March 5th.

- Please follow all appropriate federal and state quarantine and testing rules.
Travel & Arrival Testing

• The United States is now requiring all international travelers to receive a negative COVID-19 test no more than three days before their flight. Please read the full guidance on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)](https://www.cdc.gov)

• Once you are in Worcester, you must follow the CDC and Massachusetts COVID-19 recommendations. To do this, you are required to self-quarantine for 7 days and get a negative COVID test. If you do not have any symptoms, you can participate in the Clark testing protocol. Please visit Clark’s [COVID-19 Testing site](https://www.clarku.edu/covid19/testing) for more details.

• If you live on-campus, you will quarantine in your room; if you live off-campus, you will quarantine in your apartment.
New Students-International Student Orientation (ISO)

• International Orientation (ISO) will be held on February 17, 2021 in an entirely virtual format

• Please refer to the email that was sent our earlier this week with a schedule

• We look forward to meeting all of you!
QUESTIONS?