



July 21, 2021

Welcome Exchange Students!

Congratulations and welcome to the Golden Eagle Family. We are one month away from the start of our Fall 2021 Semester; we hope you have received your approved J-1 visa. If you have not, we want to share some important information with you to help you prepare for a potential later arrival.

If you are still in the process of applying for your J-1 visa or have a pending visa interview appointment, we will be happy to provide you a supporting late arrival letter for your U.S. entry. You can start your online courses from your home country while you await visa approval.

Classes will begin on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, if you are aware or you believe you will not enter the U.S. by August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and you have successfully enrolled for in-person or a hybrid course, please consult with your professor(s) in advance regarding your visa situation and maybe a late arrival to the U.S. Your course instructor must approve your late in-person class participation or you may receive a “drop” from the class. If your faculty approves your late arrival, the latest date that you can report to Cal State LA is September 16, 2021.

Please be mindful of the following to do list while you wait for your visa approval for Fall 2021:

- Purchase your health insurance
- Pay your campus fees for Fall 2021
- Enroll your fall classes (full-time enrollment)
- Attend your classes as scheduled –All international students who are entering into the US for the first time and/or studying at Cal State LA with a new initial DS-2019 will be required to take at least one Face-to-Face or a Hybrid class that meets in-person at least one or more times during the Fall 2021 term.

International students are required to be **enrolled full-time at all times**. The only term you are allowed to be enrolled in less than the required units is when you are on your last term

- Undergraduates = 12 units or more
- Graduate = 8 units or more
- Last day to add classes is September 7, 2021.

If you are unable to enroll in an in-person/hybrid class or unable to enroll full time, please contact the International Programs office immediately. We are here to help.

Lastly, we are planning for a New Student Welcome event on August 20<sup>th</sup> (if it is safe to do so), more information to come.

We are excited to see you on campus soon!

International Programs Office Team

## International Programs and Global Engagement