

Graduate College Town Hall

20 Aug 2020

Agenda

- Graduate Forum response
- Fall 2020 Updates (Orientation, Fee Waivers, ID Cards)
- Testing and Return to Campus Guidance
- International Graduate Student Updates (Visas, Travel, Living Abroad and Physical Presence Requirements)
- Waiving the GRE.

Graduate Forum response

The President has responded directly to the organizers.

The Deans collectively are responding to the organizers.

Highlights:

- Individual activities including college D/E/I task forces, town halls which should lead to concrete actions. “Specific” and “Immediate”
- A commitment to host focused colloquia on equity and inclusion.
- Programs should include people of color and other underrepresented groups in disciplinary seminars.
- Continuing best practices on campus to recruit and retain a diverse faculty and student body.

Fall 2020 Updates (1 of 2)

- Online Grad College Orientation is now available
 - [Canvas site](https://udel.instructure.com/courses/1528709) (https://udel.instructure.com/courses/1528709)
 - LIVE Virtual Orientation Event, next Tuesday, 8/25, 9 am - noon
- TA Orientation
 - Orientation for First-time TAs module on Canvas site (CTAL)
 - Teaching Online for all TAs, Thursday, 8/27, 1 – 2:30 pm (CTAL)
 - International TAs have been trained through the ELI ITA program

Fall 2020 Updates (2 of 2)

- Student IDs being handled remotely
 - ID office is closed
 - Students have received email on how to get ONEcard
 - Submit photo online, pick up by appointment when on campus
- Waivers for some fees for full-time students who are not on campus
 - Student center, recreation fees, and possibly well-being
 - More information to come on how to request waiver
- Modified P/NC grading option will be available again
 - High Pass/Low Pass/No Credit
 - No late withdrawals (as in Spring)

Testing and Return to Campus

Everyone must have a negative test before returning to campus

- Includes people already on campus
- Quarantine after test until return to campus
- Testing options on [UD COVID Testing FAQ page](https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/return/testing/)
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 - Few sites are close to campus
 - A walk-up site may be available on campus next week. Watch for bulletins.
 - Mail-in tests are a good option (Pixel by LabCorp)
- Student insurance does not cover the test unless student has symptoms (except maybe LabCorp?)

International Graduate Student Updates

Visas & Travel

- Very few first-year students have visas
 - Some consulates are making appointments with students, but not soon enough for the start of the semester
 - We expect no new students from China, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, others
- Travel restrictions are a complication for students with visas
- International Students must quarantine for 14 days before coming to campus

International Graduate Student Living Abroad

- If the program wants to allow it, students living abroad can enroll in online classes in the fall.
 - Request a tuition scholarship from your dean for students who would have had a tuition scholarship if they were in the US.
- Students cannot receive stipends if they are living abroad.
 - First-year students generally don't have SSN's or US bank accounts.
 - For others, HR has tried to solve the compliance issues with foreign tax laws, but it is prohibitively expensive
- Students on fellowships do not have a work requirement and could be paid the full semester stipend retroactively, if they arrive late
 - This does not apply to TA/RA/GA support
 - Talk to Younes Haboussi (HR) if you want to pursue this option

New International Graduate Students in the US

Meeting the Physical Presence Requirement

- ICE has withdrawn the policy requiring all international students to take hybrid or in-person classes, so students with a visa in the US have no concerns.
- New students will be required to show that their physical presence in the US is required in order to get a visa, and possibly at point of entry
 - Check with OISS on how to document
- Several options are available with an in-person experience (next slide).
 - Note that more than 20% of class hours must be in-person
 - Should make sure that the requirement is met early in the semester, in case we have to go fully online later

International Graduate Student Updates Options With Physical Presence

- Existing courses in the student's program with an in-person component
- Sign up for Research, Independent Study etc with faculty member who will meet in person
- Create a separate section with an in-person component
- ELI will offer UNIV 667, 1-credit, Writing Workshop for International Students (Contact Scott Stevens and Nigel Caplan)
- PHIL 613, 2 credits, Research Ethics (About 15 student capacity... Contact Tom Powers)

Waiving the GRE.

GRE waiver for new applications (matriculation in 2021)

- No UD-wide policy
- Any program can decide to waive requirement for an individual or for all applicants.
- If you decide to waive it for all students...
 - Communicate clearly to students, so they know they do not need to send scores to us.
 - Communicate to Graduate Admissions so we can remove it from your application
 - Communicate with OISS since it affects immigration requirements

Q & A.

