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Disclaimer

- The Office of International Affairs (OIA) is able to provide general guidance. Any advice provided by OIA, including the information in this presentation, should not be construed as legal advice.

- Due to the fluid nature of governmental interpretation, DHS, USCIS, SEVP and other governmental agencies may change their interpretations of these immigration laws/regulations and eligibility requirements for benefits, at any time. OIA is committed to providing advice based on the most current guidance.

- Each case is fact-specific and it is advised that students contact an experienced immigration attorney with questions regarding individual situations.

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Introductions

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Fall 2021 Options

- Fully In-Person
- Fully Online from your Home Country
- Defer to Fall Semester II, Winter Semester 2022, Fall Semester 2022

Fully In-Person

- Separate from NSU "Vax Max" - NSU will be having fully in-person courses this fall.
- At this time, masks will be required for all.
- NSU Vax Max goal of 80% will permit vaccinated students to not where a mask.
- COVID-19 vaccination is not required.

Fall Classes

Beginning Fall 2021, BlendFlex classes will end and NSU will resume traditional in-person classes and online classes. This in-person requirement is independent of achieving the 80% vaccination goal.

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Fully In-Person

- If you are unable to arrive by your I-20 program start date - late entry is not permitted.
- You will need to defer to a later semester.
- Not allowed = beginning your program online and entering after the semester has begun.
- Concerns: visa appointments, flight bookings

- National Interest Exemption: F and M students from countries with US COVID-19 Ban permitted to enter with program start date of Aug 1 or later - no application or additional documents necessary!

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Fully Online from your Home Country

- This option may not exist for all programs. Please confirm with your program if studying online for the Fall 2021 term is an option for you.
- Please contact our office at intl@nova.edu as soon as you decide you will do this.
- Students do not have an F visa status outside the states. This means:
  - Enrollment and online course restrictions do not apply as they would in the US.
  - You are not able to work for NSU or the US - this includes remote work.
- Considerations:
  - Does your program allow for asynchronous work, or will you have to attend live classes from your time zone?
  - Some scholarships require you to be on campus.
  - Certain academic programs may require full-time enrollment.

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Check with your program!

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Defer Until Winter 2022 or Fall 2022

- Confirm deferral eligibility first: some academic and scholarship programs do not allow for deferrals.
- Once you make the decision to defer, your Academic Program will need to update your NSU student record to change your entry date to Fall Semester II, Winter 2022 or Fall 2022. This update must be made before your new I-20 can be processed.
- Then, reach out to our office (intl@nova.edu) to request a deferred I-20 for the intended semester.
  - Updated financial information may be required for both new I-20 and F visa appointment.
  - If you have already paid your I-901 SEVIS fee, you should not need to repay this fee.

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Fall 2021 Course Delivery, In-Person Events, & "Vax Max"

- Fully in-person instruction.
- In person events are beginning to resume (convocation, orientation, etc.).
- NSU Vax Max: if 80% of students self-disclose vaccination, some COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted (masks, distancing, etc.).
- Self-disclose vaccination and remain up to date on COVID-19 updates here: https://www.nova.edu/coronavirus/index.html

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Entering the U.S. - COVID Requirements

- Vaccines and Quarantine
  - You will need a negative COVID test to enter the United States: PCR or Rapid
  - You still need this even if you are vaccinated
  - You may enter the country even if you are arriving from a country with a COVID-19 ban.

COVID-19 Travel
May 28, 2021

COVID-19 Travel Guidance for U.S. Citizens

Negative COVID-19 test required for all air passengers coming to the United States

The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)⬈ requires all air passengers entering the United States (including U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents) to present a negative COVID-19 test, taken within three calendar days of departure or proof of recovery from the virus within the last 90 days. Airlines must confirm the negative test result or proof of recovery for all passengers two years of age and over prior to boarding. Airlines must deny boarding of passengers who do not provide documentation of a negative test or recovery.

Please see the CDC's FAQ⬈ for answers to questions about the requirement for proof of negative COVID-19 test or recovery from COVID-19 for all air passengers arriving in the United States.

The CDC recommends that you do not travel internationally until you are fully vaccinated. International travel poses additional risks, and even fully vaccinated travelers might be at increased risk for getting and possibly spreading some COVID-19 variants. Delay travel and stay home to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. If you do travel, follow all CDC recommendations before, during, and after travel⬈.

Humanitarian exemptions to this order will be granted on an extremely limited basis. Information about the criteria for waivers to this order, as well as instructions for requesting a waiver, can be found here.

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Vaccines, Testing, and Quarantine

- Vaccines are not required for general NSU students or employees.
- **You need a negative COVID-19 test taken within 3 days of arrival in order to enter the US.**
- On-campus students: You do not need to show a negative COVID test or quarantine to check in to housing or attend classes.
- Off-campus students: You do not need to show a negative COVID test or quarantine to attend classes.
- However: please check with your program as they may require a test or vaccination.
- International students qualify for free vaccinations and may make an appointment with proof of identification once they enter the states.

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Important Resources

- NSU COVID-19 Updates for All Students: https://www.nova.edu/coronavirus/index.html

- Office of International Affairs: https://www.nova.edu/internationalaffairs/index.html

- COVID-19 Info for International Students: https://www.nova.edu/internationalaffairs/covid19/index.html

- Sign up for NSU alerts: https://www.nova.edu/emergency/notification/registration-process.html

Q&A

THANK YOU!