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## November 2020 Newsletter

*Published monthly by International Student Admissions and Programs (ISAP) to provide reminders about immigration regulations, services, programs, and opportunities for involvement.*

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### HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Happy What? If this unique American tradition is confusing, just check out this 2.25 minute video. If you ride around local neighborhoods Saturday evening, you'll see lots of kids dressed up going door to door to collect candy. Hopefully they will be socially distanced this year! There's more to the story though: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHQZErtwA3E>

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!



This Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Daylight Savings Time ends. This means you gain an hour of sleep if you remember to set your clocks back an hour! Most digital devices will re-set during the night automatically.

## FALL 2020 EXAM SCHEDULE

Remember after Thanksgiving Break classes end November 25<sup>th</sup>! And final exams will be held remotely from November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>

## SPRING 2021 REGISTRATION

Spring 2021 Registration Dates for CURRENTLY enrolled students (those enrolled Fall 2020) are below. **Make sure to take care of registration holds if any or you can't register.**

Current *Seniors & all Graduate level students* – November 9

Current *Juniors* ss# ending in 00-49 – November 10

Current *Juniors* ss# ending in 50-99 – November 11

Current *Sophomores* ss# ending 00-49 – November 12

Current *Sophomores* ss# ending 50-99 – November 13

Current *Freshmen* ss# ending 50-99 – November 16

Current *Freshmen* ss# ending 00-49 – November 17

## How Do I Register for Classes?

Go to the Banweb tab in your MyUWG portal at <https://myuwg.westga.edu/> or watch this Powerpoint on: [How To Register](#)

## \*Spring 2021 Int'l Student Enrollment Modifications

Reference: ISAP Website on the Status Tab at: <https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/maintaining-enrollment.php#>

### 1. Are pandemic enrollment modifications changing for Spring 2021?

No additional SEVP (Student Exchange Visitor Program) guidance has been released for Spring 2021 yet, so guidance is subject to change. At present, a continuation of enrollment adaptations that began in Spring 2020 and continued in Fall 2020 remain in effect.

### 2. What are the current int'l student enrollment requirements under the pandemic adaptations? (Final term students see #3 below).

- **IN THE US?** Enroll full-time in as many **on-campus** courses as possible. At least 1 on-campus course is required to maintain status. Additional online courses are acceptable to reach full-time enrollment. A schedule of 100% online courses is not acceptable. NOTE: all courses are coded as "online" or "on-campus", regardless of remote delivery method.
- **OUTSIDE THE US?** Enroll full-time in any combination of courses to maintain active status.

**3. Final Semester?** Request a Reduced Course Load prior to start of the term for proper authorization to under-enroll. However, if you will only have 1 course your final term, it must be a 100% on-campus coded course.

**4. Graduate Student in Thesis Hours Only?** Please contact ISAP for advisement.

**Withdrawal:** If you wish to completely withdraw from enrollment remember to let ISAP staff know in advance of departure by submitting the Withdrawal Form on our website. This would ensure your immigration record is managed accurately with no negative effects.

## TRAVEL SIGNATURES

Planning to travel over Thanksgiving Break or Christmas Break? Read this!

**Traveling Within the US?** Take the following documents with you:

- Valid I-20 (F-1 Students) or DS-2019 (J-1 Students)
- Valid electronic I-94 printout
- Valid Passport

*\*No updated travel signature is required if you are not re- entering the U.S. after travel.*

**Traveling Outside the US?** You **need** a valid / updated travel signature! Only a Designated School Official (DSO) at UWG can sign your I-20 or DS-2019. You can email ISAP at [global@westga.edu](mailto:global@westga.edu) and request a travel signature. A new I-20 will be issued with a digital electronic signature of the DSO. Be sure to request this asap, and be aware of office hours. Be aware that ISAP has no control over travel or border restrictions that may occur while you are outside the U.S. A visa and enrollment is not necessarily a guarantee of re-entry.

## ENROLLMENT REMINDER

- **ISAP will conduct *enrollment audits in October and December* to ensure compliance.**
- Here is a link to the [enrollment requirements'](#)

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