

Transcript Pre-Arrival and Check-In Webinar Fall 2022

Warren Jones: Okay, good morning Good afternoon, good evening everyone, wherever you might be joining us from today we'd like to extend to you a big welcome.

Both to Georgia tech and to our fall 2022 pre arrival webinar is brought to you by the office of international education here at Georgia tech, also known as I for sure so so great to see you here, I see that we have.

Over 200 of us who have decided to join us today, so we are really, really excited to have you with us, my name is Warren Jones.

i'm an international student and scholar advisor here in Hawaii and i'm your co host for today.

i'm also joined by another lovely member of the alliance team, and I will hand it over to them briefly, so they can introduce themselves.

As well as tell you a little bit about the Hawaii international welcome series will be offering over the next several weeks on into the start of the fall semester so take it away.

Sarah Jean Scott: Thank you, thank you Warren and welcome welcome everybody to.

Our very first pre arrival webinar part of our welcome series that will be doing.

To help you get started, for the beginning of your Semester and help you get ready to go and get you safely to the US into Atlanta Georgia tech.

Right so good morning, though i'm Sarah Scott, I am one of your international student advisors here at Georgia tech.

So today yeah we're going to go through quite a bit of stuff about check in and travel so hang in there with us and we're going to do a Q amp a at the end.

So please hold any of your questions for the Q amp a and make sure that you post any of those questions there alright so yeah We look forward to.

This session and the rest of our sessions we encourage you to come to our party that we're having in person on August 18 we're going to have a good time we can't wait to meet all of you in person, so yeah here we go i'm going to hand it off to Warren to get us started today.

Warren Jones: Thank you so much, Sarah so again, we would like to extend a big warm welcome to all 208 of few new students who have joined us today for our pre arrival webinar.

The purpose of this webinar presentation is to share lots of important and helpful information that will apply to you during the time leading up to your arrival in the US and here at Georgia tech.

So that's part of this presentation we will cover a number of the topics, beginning with international students check in.

And that includes things to do, prior to your arrival and things to do at the time of your arrival or shortly afterwards, we will also cover us travel restrictions and related guidance for that.

And this will be very important and making sure that you can successfully into the US to begin your program here at tech.

We will also share some tips about arriving in Atlanta and getting to the Georgia tech campus for the first time, because that will be new to you, you think the transportation system here in Atlanta.

And there will also be some useful information for you to use during your first days as a student here at Georgia tech and, as mentioned to close the event, we will offer a free opportunity for general questions and answers.

At the end and we understand that some of you may already have a few questions as we start the event today.

However, we ask that you please submit those questions, using the Q amp a button at the bottom of your zoom screen and yes we'll do our best to answer some of those questions as they come in, but again, if you have.

Some additional questions, we will work to factor those into our Q amp a session at the very end of the event.

Okay, and lastly, in addition to what we will be sharing with you talking about within during today's presentation we do have lots of detail information.

Related to pre arrival matters available on the pre arrival web page of the new website so there will be lots of information for you to refer to, and access even after today's event but yeah without further ado let's dive right in and talk about international student check in.

So, to begin.

You may ask who needs to do international student checking in and why is it important, why is it required.

Well, the answer is that all F1 and J one students beginning their first semester of their degree program at Georgia tech are required to do the international student checklist.

To add this includes F1 students who have transferred there see this record from from another institution to Georgia tech.

as to why it's important federal law requires that all FM j b so for this complete an international student check in with their sponsoring institution in your face that.

And that you enroll full time to comply with the requirements of your student visa status, moreover, check in is needed so that like he can move your CBS records.

From initial to active status, once a student visa holder student visa holders previous record is an active status that allows you to be eligible for benefits, including on campus employment.

driver's license and a social security card, and we will touch these points, a little bit later as well, but to clarify F1 students may not apply for something like a social security card or a driver's license until you have completed the alighting checking So yes.

You may ask next, how is the check in process carrying out so you will see at the top, it is all virtual, meaning that you do not need to come to the lightning office instead.

You will submit information to Hawaii electronic using the forms for electronic forms in the ice start student portal.

These check in many forms, will become available 30 days prior to the start of the fall semester.

After they're ready, you will be able to access them by logging into I starts, and I think that most of you are familiar with the I start photo and how to log on but yes, you will log in first and you will click on the F slash J arrival and check in button in the home and.

After doing that there are a total of three steps that you will complete and each of them had separate deadline very important deadlines that we will explain more in detail later, but.

The three forms that you will need are the three steps that you will need to complete are the arrival confirmation, and this is before your arrival in the US.

There is completing the immigration regulations acknowledgement and then also completing the immigration document upload as soon as possible after your arrival, to the.

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Okay let's talk more about what parts of the check in you will need to do, prior to your arrival in the US.

In the arrival confirmation E form, which is the first step of this after you log into your I start portal and click on July 2 the arrival confirmation from the form.

allows you to report to ally, he about your arrival details it's important, very important that you submit this arrival confirmation E form as soon as you have your arrival plans confirmed, but no later than August 22, which is the first day of the fall 2022 semester.

envy arrival confirmation we form.

You will need to choose one of the following options to let a light, you know of your arrival circumstances in the first option.

You indicate that you will arrive in Atlanta to start your program at Georgia tech, which means that you will be arriving by the start of classes on August 22 so the start of the fall semester.

However, we note that, in some cases arrival can be affected by external factors such as travel condition.

And sometimes visa application timeline, therefore, if you are unable to arrive in Atlanta for the start of your program on August 22 there are two additional options, they are arrived to Atlanta this term to attend Georgia tech, but with Mike support with late arrival.

And you will not start program this term and defer your admission to a later term again these two options are only reserved for students who are unable to arrive and start their programs by August 22.

Lastly.

If you have a change in plans and no longer plan to study with us at Georgia tech, you would indicate that the fourth option, you will not come through the Atlanta campus to attend.

So for options total to again share information with a light me on when you will be arriving or if you need additional support for the arrival or the.

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Okay, so touching upon the subject of late arrival again this is, if you are not able to arrive by the start of classes on August 22 you must request for support for late arrival by submitting the arrival confirmation he formed by August 22.

When you submit your form your request will also be shared with your academic department.

There will also be an email sent to you, confirming that the academic department can support late arrival it again they have the accommodation for you, for late arrival.

And you will be notified of the latest possible arrival date again Students must arrive on campus by that date and completely ally you check in as soon as possible after arrival.

And students who are approved for late arrival, that is, who is academic department has given them.

A maximum date by which they can arrive in the US, they are to complete the I-20 no later than September 19 this is 28 days after the start of the Semester and if you're unable to arrive.

by September 19, then it is very likely that you will need to look into options for deferral to a future term.

So, again it's very important for students, if you're arriving late to complete the arrival confirmation E form and request for a late arrival support no later than August 22 and, if approved.

You will need to complete the full check in including the additional forms, no later than September 19.

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Okay, and talking about arriving in the US, which will be kind of an exciting and maybe something a little bit of an anxiety.

inducing experience for you, if you have not traveled to the US, but we do have information to help you prepare for your arrival.

Some of that information is available through the Customs and Border Protection website and the video that they prepared so we have a video series.

directly linked to our website that you can make yourself, but a couple of key reminders and tips for you as you travel to the US first is about your.

Immigration documents, this includes your I 20 or vs 2019 your valid home country passport your valid F1 or J one visa.

A copy of the seamless I 913 receipts, which is strongly recommended and.

Of course, because these are very important instance of documents we recommend that you carry these on board with you, that is in the plane with you and do not pack these in your luggage, that is checked in prior to your flight department.

Another note is that when you enter the US, you will be entered in electronic I 94 records and this record includes information about your entry and departures to the US going forward.

You can find your electronic I 94 record on the CDP or Customs and Border Protection website.

And yes, do note that it may take two to three days after you arrive in the US, for your electronic medical records to show up in the CBP system.

And this, I 94 record is an important document that you will also upload as part of the international student checking process.

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Okay, so talking about the ally, he check in after your arrival, to the US.

So after you have safely Iraq in the US, and we certainly hope that everyone does you will ensure that you as soon as possible log into the I start portal and complete to other people.

One would be the immigration regulations acknowledgement reform and the second, which is the final form of the check in process is the immigration document upload.

Your upload copies of your signed I 20 documents, because and using that is 20 document to enter the US, you will have to sign page one.

And hand that to a cvt officer you take a copy of that and include it in the immigration document upload informed same thing for Jay when students your.

you'll make sure you upload a signed copy of that you will also include a copy of your US visa and your most recent high 94 record which we mentioned just a moment ago.

You will see down at the bottom of this slide there are some sample photos of that documentation, starting from the Left is your I 20.

which shows F1 in the upper right hand corner in the middle, is a sample of the visa stamp in your passport and then on the right, you will see a sample of the I 94 record we've mentioned.

Okay i'm a quick note about students who have transferred from another us school institution, you are also required to upload a copy of your I 94 travel history.

This is slightly different than the I 94 electronic record, but you can still obtain the travel history from the CDC website, for I 94 Okay, lastly, you will also provide your physical address and phone number when doing the immigration document upload part of the whole it okay next slide.

Okay, so a few final reminders about step for the check in process after arrival.

Again, all of these steps are going to be completed online within the ice start portal, this is virtual.

After all, the required checking each one path and submitted by the students and ally advisor with new your information and activate your see this record.

After this is approved, you will receive an email when your previous record has been activated, but this is very important for students who are arriving on time that is they're arriving to start their programs by

August 22 you must complete your check in by August 26. students who do not meet this deadline will have an ally new.

check in hold or registration whole place on their record and will be at risk for violating their immigration status and possibly being removed from their courses here at Georgia tech.

So it is very important that if you are arriving for the start of the fall Semester to complete the check in that is all forms of the check and no later than August 26 again for students arriving on time.

And and just to know your see this record will not be activated until you complete the ally in checking.

Which means that you would not be able to apply for a driver's license or a social security number until you complete the lightning check in and have that record activated within the.

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So just a note about troubleshooting sometimes students will encounter issues within I start portal and on the lightning website, we have a helpful guide for you in case you encounter any trouble logging into your account.

So feel free to use that guide, but just a couple of tips for you right now, if you have any issues with completing the check in process.

want to make sure you do a couple of things, make sure that the file or files that you're uploading are either a PDF or a jpeg image files.

Also, please make sure that the file size is less than one megabytes because, if it is a larger file size, then it may fail, it may not allow you to upload your documents successfully.

If, for some reason you're unable unable to upload your documents you can try opening a different Internet browser on your computer, you can also try to use a different computer or other device to complete the checklist if you have issues on your.

laptop or other computer.

Finally, if you've done all of the above steps and are still experiencing some trouble we have a very helpful ally feedback tool on the website.

So on our homepage you will note that there is an option to select a lie, you feedback and you'll be brought to a survey.

That has an option to say that you are experiencing artist I start counting and need support that.

We asked it if you are experiencing challenges and you've done all of the steps above, please do this, instead of sending an email.

This way of reporting your eyes are issues it helps us help you very quickly after receiving your inquiry, so please make use of the lie you feedback tool, if you experience any trouble with your I started and completing the alliance check in process okay.

All right, so I think this is where I hand it back over to Sarah and yes she's going to get into some helpful information, I think, starting about.

entry requirements, there we go travel requirements perfect all right take it away.

Sarah Jean Scott: Indeed.

Thank you so much Warren for letting us all know about the check in processes, of course, if you have any questions about those will.

Definitely address that in the Q amp a at the end, so now we are going to get into some travel requirements some information about your your first days at Georgia tech and then and then we'll we'll conclude.

But travel first, as we all know that is.

quite a big thing right now it's been difficult to travel so here is the current guidance alright.

So travel requirements for entering the United States, you are always subject to change, so we highly recommend that you all.

make yourself familiar with the requirements and guidance specifically outlined on the Center for disease control and prevention, the CDC website.

As they're going to always have the most up to date and accurate guidance for you to travel and for entry requirements to the US alright so currently the guidance is stating that non citizens who are non immigrants, which would include F1 nj one students.

are required to show documentation that you are fully vaccinated or documentation that supports an exception to the vaccination requirement.

Alright entry requirements for those entering by land ports at the United States and Mexican border are the same right and so again.

We strongly encourage you to make yourself familiar with all these requirements on the CDC website, as well as our Oh, ie international travel and US entry requirements websites as well.

All right, so traveling to the US from abroad, specifically so like we said, you are going to be required to provide proof of vaccination.

or provide official documentation that you have an exception to that vaccination alright, so if you are fully vaccinated.

Before traveling to the US, you should get tested for coven within three to five days after arrival, to the United States, you should.

travel with proof that you are fully vaccinated against coven 19 and while you are not required to quarantine upon arrival, you should monitor for symptoms of and get evaluated, if you develop symptoms all right, if you are not fully vaccinated.

And you have documentation not being fully vaccinated there are limited exceptions that apply to the vaccination requirements so again you'll need documentation that shows you are an exception to that requirement.

But, of course.

If you are outside of those exceptions, you may have difficulties or may not be allowed entrance to the United States.

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Sarah Jean Scott: So again, very important that you travel with that documentation all right prior to your departure of course you're going to visit the CDC website.

you're going to make sure that you know what to do before and after you enter and of course everybody, please remember that any of this guidance is subject to change.

So it's very important that you are staying up today refresh that web page and make sure that you know what the current requirements are on the day you travel, so that you don't have any issues getting to Atlanta.

Oh right and so as far as what we have on campus in terms of your health and safety.

For coven 19 etc.

So you can get vaccinated on campus it is available for free on campus you can schedule a vaccine appointment at my test God tech.edu.

And you can find some instructions on that page as well to book your appointment, we also have an abundance of surveillance testing on campus.

For free as well, so if you'll check on the health.gov tech.edu website or the tech moving forward website you'll be able to see the campus testing hours and locations and the options that you have for surveillance testing.

So, like I mentioned in that last slide the tech moving forward website health.ca tech.edu backslash tech moving forward that's where you're going to be able to find the main Georgia tech hub of all.

and health and safety resources so you'll be able to navigate to the my test.gov tech.edu website from there you'll be able to find locations on

campus for surveillance testing and vaccines, as well as get any information on quarantine guidance or.

You know symptom information etc so tech moving forward that's your Georgia tech resource, while you're here on campus and while you are traveling we're going to make sure that we stay up to date on that CDC website so that we know current travel requirements all right.

So that's about it for travel so we're going to move forward to some additional resources for you all as F1 and J one students and for your transition to on campus life.

And again, if we have any questions about travel, we can talk in the Q amp a at the end, and of course we've made available plenty of resources for you all to look into afterwards all right so.

getting started at Georgia tech things you can look into you know before your arrival, as well as you know, once you have arrived and you're getting settled in.

it's time to learn about the US about Atlanta, you know how to navigate through here i'm so we have made available a plethora of resources for you all.

To prepare for life at Georgia tech and in the United States, so we have a whole office of international education video series that has been created by.

US students fellow campus partners off campus partners Community organizations, etc, so you know and it covers a wide range of topics like arriving in the US academic transitions cultural transitions safety immunizations health insurance, so all that good stuff student life information.

For Georgia tech, so please do check out our video series, I find that that can be a really fun way to kind of.

feel like you're more involved with your learning and it's a better like visual to see what all is offered and you can kind of get a feel for the students here on campus and the look of the campus from videos and whatnot.

And just feel you know more comfortable as you're arriving here in the United States and at Georgia tech.

Alright, so once you do arrive at Georgia tech you're very prepared you've traveled you've arrived safely and you're at the airport.

Either the Atlanta airport or you've driven into Georgia, but if you've arrived at the Atlanta airport getting to Georgia tech from set airport.

Is is pretty easy, but we are about 12 miles north of the airport, so we are in midtown and the airport is about 12 miles south of midtown Georgia tech, where we are.

So a few ways, you can get to campus or, of course, going to be a taxi or a rideshare like uber or lyft.

Or you can use our public transportation system which is called the Marta, and so the Marta is a great option as well, there is a Marta station, you know, right at the airport signs that baggage claim are going to lead you right to the Marta station that you need to be at.

And in fact it is only one line that you have to be on to get to Georgia tech so you're going to take the north line, all the way up.

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Sarah Jean Scott: To North avenue and midtown the north avenue in midtown stops and you'll be just a you know less than half a mile off campus once you are there and even closer to the student housing.

If you are getting off at the north avenue exit so the market is a great option getting a taxi or a rideshare is a great option.

And that's all you'll get to Georgia tech.

I did change lives.

i've got a lot of screens going here i'm sharing screens so who are doing good with technology today alright so once you get here your first day is you're getting started.

it's going to be a lot going on a lot of activities, as you know, we will have our in person party on August 18 and then of course you'll have your various new student orientations.

which are some of the funnest activities that you can do at college new student orientation is a blast you'll get to meet your peers, you know meet various.

People within the campus who are going to be great help to you, so of course our undergraduate students have their facet orientation.

graduate students are going to have various different orientations within your academic departments, so we encourage you to look into your academic departments offerings for orientation talk to your advisors or coordinators to see.

You know what options, you may have there they're also be Grad hiring Expos.

To look into that as well, and then, of course, will be providing our Oh, ie welcome series which is going to consist of various.

Virtual webinars like what we're doing today and to give you more information not only about being a student at Georgia tech, but your

immigration status on the various resources on campus you know, like health counseling etc so we'll be having various webinars.

Just like this one, leading up to our in person party and yeah so you have plenty of options to engage as you arrive on campus and once you get here.

Once you do get here you're going to need a buzz card that is going to be your on campus identification.

To get a little plastic card that looks like an ID with your lovely photo on it and you'll need this card to enter buildings check out books from the library access your meal plan.

So, once you have your confirmed acceptance to Georgia tech you're eligible for the bus card and so you'll just go to the buzz card website [buzz card Dakar tech.edu](http://buzzcard.dakar.tech.edu).

You actually will be able to submit your photo online for the bus card, so you know that's great you can take your own photo you don't have to worry about the photographer messing up and you got one eye closed.

So you could take your own photo upload that to the website and then you'll receive a pickup instructions once your card is available alright so buzz cards great.

we're going to get those wants to arrive on campus we're going to do all of our orientations we're going to come to all of the oh, ie welcome series webinars and learn tons of information.

All right, so we mentioned a little earlier about transportation on and around campus and.

But of course you'll need to move around, other than just going from the airport to campus you'll need to move around campus move around the city of Atlanta.

So Georgia tech does have multiple transportation services and parking available on campus so you can look that up at that website here pts.gov tech.edu and learn more about the oh goodness, what is the buzz bus called Oh, the stinger.

Warren Jones: The mascot at Georgia tech, as you might know is the yellow jacket so everything is very.

Very themed around our guidebook can ride this thing.

Yes, thank you for reminding me I should know I see it.

Sarah Jean Scott: it's actually right outside the office right now it's just heard it drive by the window.

So you can get on the stinger bus and get all around campus on that bus, but of course that'll just be limited to campus.

So outside of campus you also have options for public transportation via the Marta so the Marta both has buses, as well as the.

Rail train, and so the real train goes north, south, east, west and then there's a various bus stops off of that trail all right so tons of options for getting around campus.

And once you do get here or even before so you'll need to make sure that you are compliant with health insurance and immunization requirements.

So all of you are going to be automatically enrolled in the mandatory student health insurance, however, if you have a comparable health insurance coverage already you can request a waiver to opt out of the mandatory student health insurance.

And so that's available on the stamps website instructions on how to do so, I will be there as well, and students who do need non coven immunizations.

So your TV your T gaps your mmr so any non coven immunizations you can also receive these at the stamps health Center after your arrival, to the United States.

So just make sure that you are looking into that sooner rather than later, as there will be a deadline to get those immunizations completed and submitted.

So you'll want to make sure that you're getting an appointment to come on campus and get those immunizations if you need them.

All right, so check out the stamps health web pages, if you go to health.gov tech.edu you'll be able to navigate to the health insurance pages, the immunization requirements and that insurance waiver alright.

And we are almost done here but let's get these dates memorized I highly suggest you take a picture of this screen you write them down you do whatever you do.

But these are all very important dates to remember so number one first day of classes, we all know, and that is it start date on your 20.

August 22 is going to be Monday, the first day of Georgia tech classes all right, you all be eligible to register for said classes during phase two registration, which is going to run from August 13 through August 26 and will close August 26 at 4pm.

Alright now those check in deadlines so like Warren was mentioning at the beginning of our presentation here.

You will need to complete the various checking items at various different times to ensure that you are meeting.

You know, immigration compliance and having your record maintained so number one your arrival confirmation that he form that's going to let us

know what your plans are for the Semester, whether you're going to be late.

To campus if you're arriving on time if you're deferring etc, you need to let us know that by August 20 seconds alright so have that submitted.

You know, preferably before, but by August 22 all right you'll need to once you do arrive on campus and you complete your immigration document upload to have your read your record registered for the Semester.

you'll do that the immigration document upload and that's going to need to be turned in by Friday August 26 so you don't need to submit that.

By the end of phase two registration, but if you are going to be, if you have been approved for late arrival.

So remember you have to have approval from both our office and your academic department for late arrival up to September 19.

Alright, so you can the latest that you're going to be allowed to arrive based on late arrival is September 19 and if you are.

A late arrival, you need to submit those immigration documents by that date all right tuition has to be paid for by August 29 at 4pm.

And you'll do that through the bursts ours website there and then your fall holidays for the Semester.

So the few the few breaks that you'll get upcoming in the upcoming months here are going to be September 5 will be Labor day holiday so you'll get a long weekend that first weekend in September.

And then November 24 and November 25 the campus will be closed and observance of the thanksgiving holiday so you'll get an extra long weekend then.

So here, you can see the academic calendar to find even more important dates related to you know the academic semester registration and deadlines like that so that's through the registrar's website alright so we're all going to remember these dates.

Alright sounds good i'm going to check in arrival confirmation by August 22 we're going to upload our documents by August 26 if we're late, we got to do it by September 19 alright we're going to pay tuition by August 29.

Right, last but not least, before we head on, to our Q amp a portion well let's just review really quickly some important skim information to make sure that.

You know, you and your personal information are being kept safe and secure while you are here in the United States, you should be aware of that phone scams.

You know, can be a common issue in the U s and towards international students, be aware that if you get any calls where someone is claiming to be from the internal revenue service or from customs and immigration enforcement or if they claim to be the Atlanta police department.

If anybody calls you claiming to be one of those claiming to be from one of those institutions.

and asks you to for money for personal information or threatens you to have friends to have you arrested, etc.

Do be aware that that that is not something that should be happening to you.

Do not take these calls do not engage in these calls.

These law enforcement agencies both federal state and local agencies will never call and demand payment over the phone, they will never ask you for credit card information over the phone or threaten you over the phone to have you arrested or deported So if you do get a call like this.

Certain tips that we suggest you remember, so number one do not give out any of your personal information on these calls typically your best.

Your best action is going to hang it going to be hang up the phone if you get a call like this if you don't understand who's calling you what they wanted hang up that phone.

If they really need you, they can call back and leave a voicemail right but we're not going to give our personal information to anybody over the phone that in this way.

or respond to any of these unwarranted threats of deportation wiring cash arresting etc.

If you do receive calls like this, you can always report them to the Atlanta police department or Georgia tech police department.

via their website which you can find on our scams one on one website here on our ally, he contact page alright, so that is the last of me and my information.

To ensure that you all have everything you need to get to campus safely to prepare to come to campus safely and then to have a great time once you get here alright, so now we are going to move on to our Q amp a portion.

couple of reminders before we start this number one do not post your GT ID or any of your personal information in the chats any questions should be kept general and not about your personal immigration or academic situation.

subsample topics check in proper preparing for our arrival, you know resources on campus etc so and, of course, here's all the links or more links that we mentioned today.

where you can get information from our website, you can find us in advising or find how to contact us via email can also go follow us on instagram.

We do post great things sometimes we post a pet or to see you might see someone's dog or cat or just find some great ways to have fun on campus or an upcoming event that is happening and so thank you everybody Thank you so much for listening to us.

And here we go let's do this Q and a I am going.

To stop sharing my screen, so that I can better see things actually.

No, I shouldn't be able to see the Q amp a while we still share so we'll do.

Warren Jones: Great Thank you so much, Sarah and thank you, everybody for listening so carefully to all of our information in the presentation.

And yes, we have arrived at that point in the event will we will open the answer some general questions from the students and we have been answering some of those as we've gone along in the presentation, but we'll start.

I would say, from where they first came in.

And let's see so we, it does seem like we have a lot of questions about first card when to apply when to create it.

And there's lots of other health permission information on how to pick up your bus card on the bus card website.

And yes, we just ask that, after you have been able to apply for your bus cards that you go ahead, if you have any other follow up questions on how to pick it up when to pick it up.

They certainly have information on the office hours for the blitz card Center, but you can also reach out to them directly, if you.

Under certain special circumstances wanted to request for other arrangements to pick up the books but yes, we do recommend using.

The information on the bus card website and again, you can apply for that online and use your own photo again if you want to kind of frame it and look extra pretty for your student ID card we that's more than possible to do that.

Evelyn Hill: i'm hi wine and Sarah it's Evelyn your other colleagues here in the office of international education.

We have a number of students asking are reporting that they won't be able to arrive in the US prior to reaching the end of phase two registration.

So they're asking hey will a hold beyond my account, what do I do in this case can either of you elaborate on what the process will be if students are unable to enter the US prior to reaching the end of phase two registration.

Warren Jones: Yes, thank you for that Evelyn so again, we understand that, due to.

certain circumstances, it could be to travel difficulties, you may also be waiting on a decision for your visa application from the embassy or conflicts that are applying are interviewing within your home country.

But for students who are unable to arrive by the start of the Semester, which again is August 22 then you'll want to ensure that you.

complete the arrival confirmation before and I start that's the first important and the lighting checking process and.

If you would need to have support with late arrival after again August 22 or perhaps even after the face be registration deadline on August 26 you will want to ensure that you select the option that you.

You will be arriving plates and will need support with my arrival at that time.

A request will be sent to your academic department to confirm how late, they would be able to accommodate early arrival.

per their own policies, and these policies they are different from academic departments academic department, but we would await response from your academic department to let you know how they knew they would allow you to arrive for beginning your program in the US.

So yes, in doing that, we have to receive information from your academic department to figure out again what will happen in terms of your arrival, but I do know that.

Registration hold will not go into effect on your account, you need sooner than August of 26, which is the end of the face registration deadline, but any any.

accommodations for late arrival they depend on that information that we received from the academic department, so if you feel that you will be arriving late after to August 22 we encourage you, as soon as the.

The forms are available 30 days prior to the start of the fall semester, and as soon as you confirm your arrival details to complete the arrival confirmation reform, so we can receive the information from your academic department.
well.

Evelyn Hill: Thank you for that information wine, we really appreciate it here.

And we also have questions on from students regarding tuition and fees payment some students are asking.

When can we pay this fee do we pay it after we register for classes what's the exact amount that we need to pay do we find that out after we register for classes.

And so, while our office doesn't handle tuition and the payments can you all just briefly elaborate on when students will be able to pay their tuition and fees, is it before they register or after they register for their classes.

Sarah Jean Scott: So that's a Great question so like we mentioned the deadline to pay your tuition and fees is Monday August 29 by four P M and actually i'm looking at the verse ours website, right now, and if you do have more questions about when you can pay these how to pay those fees.

general questions you know about your tuition you can book a virtual appointment with the verse births are on their website.

So that's neat I hadn't noticed that they provided advising appointments so highly encourage you to look into that if you have more questions about.

Paying those tuition and fees, you can also log in to your payment account portal on the verse RS website and there you'll be able to see the exact breakdown.

of your tuition and fees when those things need to be paid, and the amount they have to be paid, and how to pay them.

So again, we can find all of that, on the verse our website, and the latest that we can pay tuition is going to be August 29 by 4pm so whether or not you can do it before or after registration.

Either just as long as it is paid by August 29 so as long as you have completed your registration by that deadline which I believe is before the 29th remind me Warren I should know these important dates shut, and I mean.

Warren Jones: Yes, you're talking about the tuition payment deadline correct.

Sarah Jean Scott: So the registration deadline so phase two restriction in August.

Warren Jones: August 25.

yeah right so for p.276

Sarah Jean Scott: Right, so if you are going to be paying.

You have three days after phase two registration ends, to complete your tuition payments by August 29.

Evelyn Hill: As always, thank you all for your answer to that question because it is important that students pay their tuition.

And fee.

For our next question here, we have questions regarding from students in regards to knowing what classes to register for, so in that case, would you all.

recommend students be to their academic advisors or speak to an academic advisor if they are attending facet and.

It just seems that students just have questions regarding hey how do I know which classes to register for, but I know some students will be attending facet.

or they may be having some department orientations, so in that case, do you are recommend students reach out to their academic advisors, to discuss which courses to register for.

Sarah Jean Scott: hey everyone so absolutely we would suggest students reach out to their academic advisors about what classes to register for like you mentioned many students will be going to the facet orientation, where they will have.

You know, assistance and registering for courses, as well as advisors there to help advise students on what courses, they can take or should take or have.

Have availability in etc, so please do look to your academic department your academic coordinators and advisors regarding registration and what classes, you will be able to take.

Evelyn Hill: Thank you, Sarah.

And we're still filtering through questions so hold on one moment.

And we also have some questions here from students that will serve as graduate research assistant and graduate teaching assistant.

And some students are reporting that they may be arriving late, and so, for those students and their asked him there any restrictions on a late arrival.

For those students, if you will be serving are working on campus in that capacity, we would recommend that you reach out to your hiring department to determine if there are additional steps that you would need to take if you will be working on campus but arriving Lee.

Warren Jones: Thank you so much Evelyn, that is true, yes, definitely reach out to your hiring department and ask any questions you might have and how a late arrival might affect your role as its era or GPA.

but also your academic department will be letting you as well as Oh, I know what their flexibility is and accommodate your late arrival how late into semester, that they will allow you to come in their classes if you're unable to.

get to Atlanta, and the Georgia tech campus by August 22 so the lie you check in process will still be what you go through to let us know.

What your arrival circumstances are and then just being in close contact with your academic department and and again be hiring contacts within the academic department to see how that might affect the PR agency, you can extend a religion.

Evelyn Hill: Thank you Warren.

i'm on the subject of on campus employment and we have some students asking about the social security number application process now I know typically students would gather the documents and.

Requests like an on campus employment letter and then visit the social security administration office Could you elaborate on that process just a bit more to help guide students on how to apply for social security number after they've completed our immigration check in process.

Warren Jones: Yes, thank.

You so again, the key thing that you will want to ensure that you complete the lightning check in process.

The result of that lightning will move your your service records from initial status to active status, and that is what allows an F1.

itself holder to apply for a social security number or do other things other than successes with a driver's license so once you have again completed to check in, and you have your previous record activated and are continuing at that point, then, we have an overview of the.

social security number application process available on the website, but as Evelyn alluded to well if you are on campus employee.

In order to actually go and apply for your social security number in person at a local security, social security office you would have to receive.

An on campus employment letter and then that's what you would use and combined with a number of other required documentation to request for your social security number so on the website, and then we have.

an overview and, yes, you would just want to make sure that you submit the appropriate new form request if you're an on campus employee gra gta or working another on campus job.

Active F1 students are you know they are permitted to work on campus jobs up to 20 hours broken during the course of the normal academic year.

But yes, if you're requesting for your social security number, you will get that on campus inclement weather, there is a.

On campus employment informed request and the I store portal and it's available under social security number impacted that menu option so.

Yes, it's still within the I start portal you don't have to come physically to the office, but you can submit your request for that on campus employment documentation once you have already gone through the check in and been activated as a student wants to go to pet.

But yes do wait for those prophecies to happen if you have not completed the check and it is still too early to apply for social security number so late, and so you've arrived here in the US.

gone through and uploaded your immigration documents gotten the approval enough and oh i'd be looking for an active student and then you can go through our office or the dental office for students to seek a social security number here in in our region.

Evelyn Hill: and continuing on the subject of social security numbers.

can either of you elaborate on whether employment is required to obtain a social security number.

Can a student just apply for social security number, just after entering the US or what they need to have some form of employment or proof of employment in order to apply for social security number.

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Sarah Jean Scott: able and, yes, so that is correct everyone's F wants to students specifically will need employment in order to apply or to be eligible to apply for a social security number.

Sarah Jean Scott: Now Jay student visa holders Jay wants student visa holders are eligible for social security number, whether employed or not.

Of course, we encourage you to look into you know the benefits of having or cons of having a social security number, if you are a J one student before applying but our F1 students will be required to have employment in order to apply for a social security number.

Warren Jones: Yes, and just add something again, it is not required to have a social security number for a lot of important things that you will

be doing once you arrive here in Atlanta, such as opening a bank account signing.

Sarah Jean Scott: A lease.

Warren Jones: For an apartment.

or getting a Georgia state driver's license when you're going through these processes those institutions may ask for your social security number because it's often something that people will have particularly us and we'll have or those who have been employed in the US before, however.

If you have not yet received a social security number and again if you are not eligible because you have not gained employment within the US, you can explain to your cell phone carrier your bank.

The landlord for your apartment that you are not eligible for one because you do not have employment as an F1 visa holders so.

With that you may need to provide other information there may be other ways to still access those services, you may also need to put down a larger deposit in some cases, if you do not have.

A social security number, but again, it is not required for a number of things that you will likely have to do such a thing in banking and.

Again signing a lease for your place of living and yes it's it's not anything about preventing you from doing nothing but a very important to yeah get situated and integrated into life here in the United States.

Evelyn Hill: Thank you all so much for that.

And right now we're still getting in a couple more questions, but it looks as though we've answered the majority of questions so if you all see any questions come through the Q amp a function feel free to answer them.

And, but right now we're just still filtering very questions, but it appears that we've answered the bulk of them.

And we have another question that's been asked regarding a student see this ID so they're asking how will they know if their service ID has been updated can either view.

elaborate on the check in process and how that process is used to activate of students see this record from initial to active and so again can either of you just elaborate on how the check in process is important and how it's used to activate a student see this record.

Warren Jones: Oh yes, oh so just as a light review of the light you check in process and what happens when you have completed that.

The first step is the arrival confirmation letting us know when you're arriving at the textbook the second part is uploading your.

Immigration documents and letting us know when you actually introduced us and you're effectively reporting that you are here and.

ready for the start of your studies at our institution, using that information again as what's required by federal regulation.

We will activate your see this record so that is a regulatory requirement for all F1 students to report in a timely manner once they arrive for the start of their programs within the US.

But just to lightly clarify it does not result in the change of your your previously seen this i've.

seen this ID number is created when we create an F1 record into this for you at the time, applied one.

So it doesn't involve any changes in the ID number book, what does change, the main thing is your status, so when you're first issued in an ide 20.

your initial status, and that means that you're either preparing to apply for F1 visa and enter the US with that unapproved F1 visa and your valid IP document or if you're a transfer student, it means that.

Your transfer process is pending, and yes you're you're on the way to becoming more Georgia tech students and also will have to go through the second process so.

Yes, until we get that information, you will remain an initial status, but if you've completed support check in, then why you will go ahead activate.

And nc this and, yes, that means that you're you're satisfied and reporting requirement that all students have after totally alive in us.

Thank you.

Katherine E Patton: hi we did get a lot of questions today about when students will receive their physical ID bus cards and other information about bus cards in general.

I did just go ahead and put a link in the chat that answers all the questions about blitz cards so if you have questions about them, please click that link that I just sent it should say from Catherine.

Warren Jones: And I do see maybe one or two questions. On the subject of deferral So yes, just to talk a little bit about that.

If you receive that you will be unable to arrive on time or by the start of the Semester on.

August 22 one option attacking the pro would be to request for late arrival and that's if you perhaps see that you will arrive Sundays into the Semester, but.

Maybe not too late to actually arrive on time for fall, but if you feel like you will be subject to a very significant have long delays, then you may inevitably have to look for the furrow as an option.

The way the deferral works again if we can confirm that you're unable to arrive and do the check in by September 19 which, from a regulatory standpoint isn't that an F1 student can arrive and begin study in the fall semester, then.

We would ask that you request for the deferral with either your undergraduate admissions office, if your undergraduate students.

Or if you're a graduate level student that is masters or PhD, then that would be worked out between your academic department and the office of graduate studies.

And after receiving the deferral request then get those offices would work on updating your admission.

To the appropriate term that they feel you with alive for so if there's no set answer in terms of how long it would take to update.

Your admission term edge detect if you are in need of deferral it really depends on the flow of communication to remote offices, but.

If we come to the conclusion that you're unable to attend in the fall semester, then yes, it would be that would start a conversation either with the admissions office.

That is responsible for you know you as an undergraduate or graduate students and then.

Once they have changed things within our system and Georgia tech that is changed your admission firm to a later term other than fall semester, and maybe spring 2023 again, these are only situation where.

you're you're going to be arriving much later than the start of the fall semester, and perhaps to look at traveling to the US and beginning your Program.

At a feature semester, so there is no set timeline for it, but the important thing is to.

Report that information to ally, using a check in as soon as possible once you are aware that you will either be late for arrival or perhaps our new deferral.

Sometimes the visa application process could be still ongoing, as we get closer to the start of the Semester, so you would just want to stay in

touch with a lie, and the primary way to do that is the alignment checking.

Sarah Jean Scott: I see a last question here.

About arriving a little bit earlier on campus.

Arriving August eight and can they enter the Georgia tech campus to get it to to get to know it a bit more since moving days on August 12.

So, of course, you would want to make sure that you have somewhere to stay so between now and you're moving date, but you are absolutely welcome on campus.

to view the beautiful campus and see see what all it has to offer, but of course you want to make sure that you do have accommodations for.

Housing but before you're moving date.

All right, everyone, so I think we are going to start wrapping up our presentation, for today, we of course thank you, thank you, thank you all so much for joining us either early or late or middle of the day.

Thank you for coming and listening to us talk about check in and travel to Georgia tech and check out the chat for our post event survey.

We would very much so appreciate, if you would just take a few minutes of your time to go complete our post event survey and let us know what you liked what could change, etc, again, thank you so much, thank you, thank you, we can't wait to welcome you all to campus.

Warren Jones: Now definitely to echo what Sarah said, we thank you so much for joining us today for the pre arrival webinar again, this is the start of our life welcome series.

And we have lots more great information for you and events to join in the coming week, so please be on the lookout for those dates on the.

website and we are super excited to be welcoming you here shortly to the Georgia tech campus football so again, thank you, congratulations on joining in Georgia tech family and then and, yes, you have a great rest of your day.