Important note for International Undergraduate Students (Freshman and Transfer) with a Fall 2020 entry into Iowa State University

Due to COVID-19, we understand that many undergraduate international students that are overseas are unable to travel into the United States for various reasons by the Fall 2020 semester. If you are an undergraduate international student with a Fall 2020 entry into Iowa State, please review your following options below:

Option 1: On Campus In-Person Experience for Fall 2020

If you are planning to be in the United States for the Fall 2020 semester and are planning to take classes on-campus at Iowa State, you need to arrive in Ames, Iowa by Tuesday, August 11, 2020. International Student Orientation will begin on campus from August 12, 2020 to August 23, 2020 and is mandatory for all incoming undergraduate international students, so plan your travel accordingly. Classes begin Monday, August 24th.

Review our New Student Orientation page on our website for everything you need to do before you arrive in the United States and the documents to bring. You will receive more information about International Student Orientation and your next steps end of June 2020.

If you have an emergency or unable to arrive in Ames by August 11, you must contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@iastate.edu to receive a later arrival letter.

If you do not believe you are able to travel into the United States by start of classes on Monday, August 24th, please review the other options.

Option 2: International Adventure Learning Community - Virtual Experience for Fall 2020

The Iowa State International Adventure Learning Community is designed to serve new international first-year students planning to attend Iowa State University, but who are not able to travel to Ames, Iowa, to start the Fall 2020 Semester in-person. As a member, you will begin progress toward your degree at a distance by taking online courses from your home. These courses are taught by Iowa State University professors.

To learn more about this option and to register for the International Adventure Learning Community, click here: https://www.admissions.iastate.edu/intl_adventure/

If you choose this option, you will be a part of a virtual Fall 2020 semester and take your classes online and then arrive on campus to resume your degree program in Ames in January 2021. You will attend an in-person orientation on campus before start of Spring 2021 classes.

Option 3: Defer Admission to Spring 2021

If you are unable to do option 1 or option 2, you can contact Iowa State Admissions at admissions@iastate.edu to request to have your admission deferred to Spring 2021. A new I-20 will then be created and mailed to you.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email Navya Manneni, the International Student Engagement Coordinator, at mannengi@iastate.edu.