

CE FALL 2020 INCOMING GRAD STUDENT TOWNHALL

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General Information

The ICE directive, announced this week, applies to students already in the US on an F-1 or M-1 visa. These students are limited in the number of online courses they can take and will work with Purdue's Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) to ensure their compliance. Students outside the U.S. who have not yet secured their visa can still participate in fully online classes for Fall 2020. These students will still work with ISS and their U.S. embassy or consulate to apply for a visa to begin on-campus instruction for Spring 2021.

Please thoroughly read any materials/notices sent to you by Purdue

- Admission letter

- Email messages – at this time, most messages will come to your Purdue email.

- Funding offer letters

- Review available websites

Registration Options for Fall 2020

Three Choices:

- Online Option
- Come to Campus
- Defer to Spring 2021 or Fall 2021

Online Registration Option

Must choose to opt-in by July 15, 2020

- Fall 2020 Online Opt-in form
- International students: if you opt in, you would not be eligible for an internship in Summer 2021 as you must be physically on campus for two semesters to be eligible for Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- The University has approved a modified tuition schedule for the Fall 2020 semester for full-time online registration (eight credits or more)

Online Registration Option

Full time **online** tuition cost (8 credit hours)

General Service	\$2,301.95
Technology Fee	\$94.10
Student Activity Fee	\$20.00
Engineering Differential Fee	\$562.00
Total Resident	\$2,978.05
Non-Res Tuition	\$4,700.50
Total Non-Resident	\$7,678.55
International Student Fee	\$145.00
Total Int'l Non-Resident	\$7,823.55

Online Registration Option

For comparison, here is the full time **on campus** tuition cost (8 or more credit hours) for 2020-21:

Regular Fall per semester (8 hours and above)	For students enrolled
General Service	\$ 4,603.90
Technology Fee	\$ 94.10
Repair and Rehabilitation Fee	\$161.00
Student Fitness and Wellness Fee	\$ 117.00
Student Activity Fee	\$ 20.00
Differential General Service	\$ 562.00
Total Resident	\$ 5,558.00
Nonresident Tuition	\$ 9,401.00
Total Nonresident	\$ 14,959.00
International Student Fee	\$145.00
Total International	\$ 15,104.00

Online Registration Option

Responses to Questions:

1. Should I consult my faculty advisor about which course to choose before registration?
Yes. Each area will provide information about available courses for fall, area requirements and expectations, within the coming weeks. After reviewing the information, you can contact your initial advisor with questions.
2. Can I drop course if I find it does not suit me?
Yes, you can drop a course, however your tuition rate will change if you do not maintain full-time (8 credits) registration.
3. Do I need to issue a new I-20 if I choose the online option?
Yes. You would need to update your I-20 to reflect a spring 2021 arrival to campus
4. Should I submit the official documents in the fall semester? (Like official diploma and transcript, immunization record, etc.)
You can wait and bring those documents with you when you arrive in January 2021. Please be aware that you will not be able to register for Spring 2021 until you submit your official diploma and final transcript to the Graduate School. Alternatively, you can have the official, original documents mailed to the Purdue Graduate School (155 S Grant Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907).

Online Registration Option

Responses to Questions:

5. Should I sign up for health insurance in the fall semester?

No, you only need to maintain health insurance if you are on campus.

6. In the event that I opt-in for the fully online option in the coming semester, and the pandemic situation is not appeased such that prevailing conditions continue, what measures is the university planning to take for the following semester (Spring 2021)?

At this time, Purdue has not provided alternative plans for the spring 2021 semester. We would expect options to be similar to those for fall 2020 if on-campus instruction isn't viable.

Come to Campus

Classes begin August 24, 2020

- For international students who may be working on obtaining their visa documents for Fall 2020 arrival, based on guidance from the Purdue International Students and Scholars Office (ISS), we cannot permit late arrivals. Therefore, it would be best to arrange for arrival in Spring 2021. You can opt-in to online instruction for Fall 2020 or defer your admission.
- Purdue will require and pay for all West Lafayette-bound students to be tested for COVID-19 before moving into residence halls and attending classes this August.
- Must adhere to the Protect Purdue Plan
 - Self quarantine for 14 days upon arriving to campus
 - Social distancing
 - Wear mask inside campus buildings
- Classes will be de-densified
- More information at: <https://protect.purdue.edu/students/campus-2020/>

Defer Admission

Can defer for up to a year

- Accept admission offer
- Email cegrad@purdue.edu. Include the semester you plan to start your program and the reason for the deferral
 - Can defer to Spring 2021 or Fall 2021
 - Professional Masters students would defer to Fall 2021 (there is not a spring start option for ProfMS students)
- Deadline to defer is August 1, 2020
- International students: if you defer to Spring 2021, you would not be eligible for an internship in Summer 2021 as you must be physically on campus for two semesters to be eligible for Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

Defer Admission

Question responses:

Should I consult faculty advisor before making the request?

If you are funded, yes. If you are unfunded, it's not required, however you can copy them on your deferral message to cegrad.

In case of deferral, will the fee structure be modified?

Tuition rates for spring 2021 have been determined (slide #6). Rates for the 2021-22 year have not been announced. At this time we have not been notified of any modifications.

Other Topics:

When is the deadline to show proof of funding and what are the other administrative information to submit the proof of funding? E.g. What is the portal to submit proof of funding, etc.

Instructions for beginning the Notification of Intent (NOI) are in your admission letter. You only need to complete this for the semester you actually plan to come to campus. Spring 2021 admits will have access to the NOI system in mid-October 2020. Fall 2021 admits will have access to the NOI system in mid-March 2021.

Could you share with me a detailed document of the civil engineering courses available for Fall 2021?

You can review the courses that are being offered in Fall 2020 to get an idea of what will be offered in Fall 2021.

In the event that the COVID-19 worsens in 2021, making on-campus learning unsuitable for international students, may I inquire how the distance-based online learning will take place?

Purdue Civil Engineering has an online Masters program that will begin in Spring 2021. If you are not able to come for the on-campus program, you can apply to the online program and complete your degree.

Other Topics:

As there is a time difference between my home country and America, I am worried about challenges related to attending the online lectures punctually and submitting the assignments to the professors. Would contact time with the professors be severely affected due to the major time difference between international students' home country and America?

Course materials should be available asynchronously so you can review the materials at a time that is convenient to you.

Is there a bank in West Lafayette that the university can recommend for international students to open bank account? Can the bank be linked to my home country's bank account and allow remittance?

The three most commonly used local banks by students seem to be the Purdue Federal Credit Union (www.purdueefcu.com/), Chase Bank (<https://www.chase.com/>) and Huntington National Bank, HNB (<https://www.huntington.com/>).

I would like to know what are the school policies on school fee refunds and what other measures are in place to allow continuation of studies in the event of a disruption in the school semester due to unforeseen circumstances? Since I am currently inclined to defer my admission to Fall 2021, I would like to know when the billing for the school fees will occur.

No fees are charged until you actually register. The bursar has a [refund schedule for tuition and fees](#): If Purdue were to cancel in-person classes during the semester, we would continue on an online/distance/remote access format.

Other Topics:

Is there a Facebook Group I can connect with to communicate with current civil engineering/structural engineering masters students?

You can find contact information for members of the Civil Engineering Graduate Student Advisory Council (CEGSAC) at: <https://engineering.purdue.edu/CE/Academics/Organizations/CEGSAC>.

<https://www.facebook.com/PurdueCE>

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Is there a way I can set up the BoilerKey when I do not have an USA cellphone number at the moment, and am unable to collect the BoilerKey in person due to travel restrictions?

I have noted from the login portal that I can only access the portal using my Purdue career account until 1 December 2020 if I do not set up the BoilerKey.

Boilerkey can work on practically any device that is able to install DuoMobile, and has a suitable data connection. It doesn't even have to be a phone, plenty of users use iPads or other mobile devices to authenticate. If outside the country, you would probably need to default to the PIN#,CODE method of authentication to avoid latency issues. To enable the self-recovery tool, you do need a US number, but the tool itself is not required, just a convenience. You can call for BoilerKey assistance (765) 494-4000.

Questions?



Questions from the meeting:

Can we audit courses through the online option?

Yes. You would first need to enroll in the course, then request audit grade option:
<https://www.purdue.edu/registrar/currentStudents/students/GradeModeChanges.html>.

Please note that you still pay any tuition fee for courses that you audit.

If we defer to spring 2021 and then still cannot come to campus due to COVID, will we be allowed to defer again?

The Graduate School has indicated that they will permit a second deferral if COVID does not allow for travel or issuing VISA's.

I am a funded student that will be on campus in fall. When will I get further instructions on completing the hiring process? And how will we present our I-9 credentials within 3 days of our hire day if we are supposed to self-quarantine for 14 days when we arrive to campus?

The CE Business Office is processing fall assistantship offers in the payroll system. You should expect the onboarding notice within the next two weeks. This will come from SuccessFactors. We do not know what the plan is for the I-9 verification process yet. Those details are still being discussed, but expect to hear something soon.

Questions from the meeting:

What is the plan for Civil Orientation Activities?

We are planning an online orientation for all students, that will be sent out in late July. Some in-person Orientation activities will be held the week of August 17th, for those students that will be on campus. Detailed information and instructions about registration will also be distributed by the end of July.

What is the maximum number of credits a student can register for online?

The maximum number of credit allowed is 18 credits. Please be aware that the modified tuition rate (slide #5) is valid for 8 online credits. If you register for more than eight, the rate is different. You can find more details here: <https://protect.purdue.edu/students/online-2020/>.

I am a Professional Masters student, is there a way to allow me to defer to spring 2021 or switch out of the ProfMS concentration?

The ProfMS coursework is set up in a way that classes that are only offered in fall, must be taken before classes that are only offered in spring. You could choose to take the required fall course online in order to keep in the proper sequence, otherwise you would need to defer to fall 2021. It is possible to switch out of the ProfMS concentration, however you cannot go back to it later.

Questions from the meeting:

What will spring and fall 2021 be like, in terms of course enrollment and funding offers, if many students are deferring?

We realize that there may be more students on campus for the first time in spring and fall 2021 with deferrals and the normal admissions cycle processing. In the normal course of enrollment, we handle increases in enrollment frequently. With courses across nine areas, the increase naturally filters across many different courses and is accommodated with few issues. In terms of funding, we don't have a way of knowing how things will work out, but we are working to try and make sure we do not have decrease in the number of assistantship positions available.

When is the last day to register and do courses fill up?

In order to avoid a late registration fee, you should be registered by August 28, 2020. Civil Engineering Graduate Courses do not usually fill-up, however courses in other areas (STAT, MATH, MGMT) might. Detailed information and instructions about registration will also be distributed by the end of July.

THANK YOU

Please visit

<https://engineering.purdue.edu/CE/Academics/Graduate/Incoming>

for more information.