All of us in the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) welcome you to DePaul University! This email is part of a series of communications our office is sending to help you prepare for your arrival in Chicago. Also please don’t forget to visit our website to learn more about how to register for your international student orientation and what to expect.

**THIS WEEK: REGISTERING FOR CLASSES**

**Register for Classes**: You can register for your classes online through Campus Connection. This link will give you detailed instructions about selecting classes and enrolling. Classes will fill up quickly, so please start selecting your classes soon! To select classes, log into Campus Connection.

**How Many Classes Do You Have To Take?** As an international student, U.S. law requires you to be enrolled in a “full course of study”. What does this mean?

- Undergraduate Students must enrol in 12 credit hours (3 or 4 classes)
- Graduate students must enrol in 8 credit hours (2 classes)

If this is your first time studying in the U.S., we recommend that you take no more than the required number of credit hours as you may find it too demanding while you adjust to the U.S.

**WHAT IS AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR?** While on campus, you will have an academic advisor, who will be your primary resource for questions about classes and help you make your academic plan for your time at DePaul. If you are coming to complete a degree at DePaul, then you can find your academic advisor listed in Campus Connect. If you are coming for a short-term program at DePaul (1 term or 1 academic year), then you will receive a separate email with information about how to contact your academic advisor next week.

**DEPAUL HAS A QUARTER SYSTEM & A SEMESTER SYSTEM**

DePaul’s academic calendar (schedule) probably looks different from what you have in your home country. The College of Law operates on semesters ([College of Law academic calendar](#)), but the rest of DePaul operates on a quarter system, which means classes only meet for 10 weeks. In that time, you start a new course, read a lot of material, write a lot of papers and take exams!

Typically the quarter calendar looks like this:

- **Fall**: September - November
- **Winter**: January - March
- **Spring**: April - June
- **Summer**: June - August
To find out more details on when the terms start and end and when exams are scheduled, see the [full academic calendar](#) available online. You can read about when the terms start and end and when exam periods are scheduled.

**I NEED MORE INFORMATION!**

Don't worry! We will revisit this topic with you during the orientation session prior to the start of your academic program at DePaul and look forward to sharing more helpful information with you. Visit our website to learn more about how to register for your [international student orientation](#).

We hope that the information provided will help you plan for your arrival in the United States. Again, welcome to DePaul University! You may always reach us at [oiss@depaul.edu](mailto:oiss@depaul.edu).

Best regards,

Hiwoté, Garrett, Jennie, Amanda, Dan, Ewa, Sandra, Justin and Monica

The OISS Team

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*Why am I receiving this email?*

Soon you will be arriving in Chicago to begin your academic adventure here at DePaul University. DePaul is a large university and the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) will connect you to the many resources you need to be successful here. In the weeks preceding your arrival OISS will send you emails with information that will help you prepare for your arrival. In case you miss any of our communication, we will also have it posted to our [website](#) so you may catch up on the various topics covered.