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: WHAT TO EXPECT IN A U.S. CLASSROOM

**Independence & Participation!** The U.S. classroom is extremely independent. Your professors will expect you to review your class syllabus before class, and come to class already knowing what they expect of you.

What professors consider class participation here in the United States may be very different than in your home country. Professors in the United States and at DePaul will expect you to talk and share your opinions in class, to show that you have read the material and are thinking about the subject of the class. For some of you this may be really, really difficult - especially in English! Don't worry - You can do it! Push yourself to be active and out-spoken in classes.

**Honesty!** What does it mean to “work together” on a paper or project? Working together can have a very different meaning in different cultures - even within the United States. While at DePaul, you will have many group assignments and even team papers. It is important to learn what academic honesty and integrity means in each class and for each assignment and what your fellow students and professors will expect of you. Standards of academic conduct may be different at DePaul than at your prior institution in your home country.

- Complete this short [online class](#) to understand DePaul’s Academic Integrity policy. Successful completion of this online class is mandatory!

- Read DePaul’s [Academic Integrity Policy](#) to find out what is appropriate and not appropriate in joint academic work.

As you complete the above assignments, try and identify similarities and differences between academic expectations in your home country and at DePaul.

The Writing Center is also a great resource for many DePaul students. You can find out more about the Writing Center on their website.
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.

Best regards,

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The OISS Team

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.