



Fall 2020 Questions & Answers

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Application Deadlines

1. Are there any changes to the application deadlines? *CCC, DVC and LMC have extended the application deadlines until July 15.*

Admissions Requirements

High School Graduation

1. For applicants from IGCSE or O Level school curricula, will CCC/DVC/LMC accept results after the July 15th application deadline? *Yes. Students who submit all other required application documents by the July 15th deadline can submit results until August 15th. We will accept online results. Once the official paper results are released, students must submit these documents to the respective international student office to be added to the student's record.*
2. For applicants from IB Diploma Programme (DP) schools who won't be 18 by the start of classes, will *CCC, DVC and *LMC accept a final transcript along with a letter from the school stating that the student has met graduation requirements (given that the DP exams are canceled)? *Yes, CCC, DVC and LMC will accept a final transcript and a letter from the school. *CCC and LMC will accept a midyear transcript and a letter from the school.*
3. For applicants from local/national Indonesian high schools who won't be 18 by the start of classes, will *CCC, DVC and *LMC accept a final transcript along with a letter from the school stating that the student has met graduation requirements (given that Government exams are canceled)? *Yes, CCC, DVC and LMC will accept a final transcript and a letter from the school. *CCC and LMC will accept a midyear transcript and a letter from the school.*
4. My high school is closed so I can't get my transcripts, what should I do? *Your high school should be able to issue you a transcript of your academic record, even if the school is closed. Please notify the international office at your college if you have difficulty getting a transcript.*

English Language Proficiency

1. Where can I take an English test if testing centers are closed in my country? *The following tests can be taken from home in your country:*
 - [TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition](#)
 - [IELTS Indicator](#)
 - [iTEP](#)
 - [Duolingo English Test](#)
2. Does CCC/DVC/LMC accept the TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition and IELTS Indicator tests for Fall 2020? *Yes.*

Financial Support Evidence

1. Do I need to show financial support evidence in order to be admitted for Fall 2020 even though I will be enrolling in online courses from my home country? *Financial support evidence is not needed for new students who enroll in online courses from outside of the U.S.*



for Fall 2020. Financial support evidence will be required, however, in order to be issued an I-20 and obtain an F-1 visa for on-campus, in-person instruction for Spring 2021. Your college will communicate with you about this process. If you are transferring from a U.S. institution, please contact the international office at your college for guidance about financial support evidence, a transfer I-20 and maintaining F-1 status.

I-20s and F-1 Visas

1. Will CCC/DVC/LMC issue I-20s even if students are unable to apply for F-1 visas now? *We are no longer issuing I-20s for Fall 2020 for new students outside of the U.S. given that we are planning for a combination of fully online and hybrid courses.*
2. Will CCC/DVC/LMC email a digital copy of the I-20 first, and then mail the original? *For Spring 2021, yes.*
3. I have been admitted for Fall 2020. Do I need to apply for an F-1 visa for online courses completed outside of the U.S.? *No. You only need to apply for an F-1 visa for studies in the U.S.*
4. What if I can't get a visa appointment before the start of the Fall 2020 semester? *Future students admitted for Fall 2020 who are outside of the U.S. should remain in their home country and, therefore, do not need a student visa.*
5. If I've already received an I-20 for Fall 2020, may I defer to Spring 2021? *Yes, an updated I-20 will be issued with a new program start date.*
6. If I defer to Spring 2021, do I need to pay the I-20 mailing fee again? *No, you would only pay one I-20 mailing fee.*
7. If I defer to Spring 2021, do I need to pay the SEVIS fee again? *No.*
8. If I defer to Spring 2021, do I need to prepare updated financial support documentation? *If you have already been issued an I-20 for Fall 2020 yet have not obtained a visa, it is strongly recommended that you prepare updated financial support documentation for the visa appointment.*
9. If I've been issued an F-1 visa for Fall 2020, do I need a new visa if I defer to Spring 2021? *Most likely not. Please check the visa expiration date on your visa. You do not need a new visa if your current visa is valid past the date of entry into the U.S.*
10. When will I-20s be issued for Spring 2021?
 - *CCC will begin issuing I-20s in mid-July for Spring 2021.*
 - *DVC will begin issuing I-20s in early August for Spring 2021.*
 - *LMC will begin issuing I-20s in October for Spring 2021.*

Online Instruction and Support

1. Will online classes be asynchronous (time zone does not matter)? *Mostly, though each class will have its own schedule. Students should check the scheduling notes to determine if a given class schedule includes synchronous instruction. See #2 below.*
2. How will students know which courses are asynchronous when looking at course descriptions? *Asynchronous courses will have "ONLINE" included in the meeting days/times column, and no days or times will be listed. Also, the comments section will not include references to any*



required orientations or synchronous class sessions. Synchronous courses (offered only on specific days and on Pacific Standard Time) will list the days and times of instruction OR there will be specific synchronous meeting sessions listed in the comments section.

International students at Contra Costa College should not enroll in classes with the following comment: "This class is currently scheduled to meet partially or fully on campus. The mode of delivery may change, however, based on social distancing guidelines. For scheduling purposes, if you register for this section, please plan on being available at the days and times listed. Your instructor will contact you prior to the course."

3. What are operating system requirements for taking online courses? *Students can use any operating system (PC, Mac, Android, iOS) for taking online courses.*
4. What are other technical requirements for taking online courses? *It is recommended that students have access to a desktop or laptop with audio and video capability and reliable Internet access. Students may use mobile phones, though they will be expected to do extensive typing.*
5. What video software will online courses use? *All courses will use Zoom software. Students should contact course instructors to ask if any social media such as YouTube will be used that may be blocked (not accessible) in their region.*
6. How will students access online courses? *All online courses will be on Canvas. Here are helpful Canvas and online learning links for CCC, DVC and LMC students:*
 - CCC: <https://www.contracosta.edu/classes/online-classes/>
 - DVC: <https://www.dvc.edu/current/canvas-faq.html>
 - LMC: <https://www.losmedanos.edu/onlineclasses/index.aspx>
7. Do online courses have the same units/credits as in person classes? *Yes.*
8. Are the units for online classes accepted by 4-year universities? *Yes.*
9. Do students need to purchase textbooks for online courses? *Yes, most online courses require the purchase of textbooks. Textbooks can be purchased online from the college's bookstore or through Amazon, etc. Some courses require the purchase of an online 'course pack,' which includes access to reading, exercises and quiz materials. Students are able to purchase online textbooks or course packs using a credit card. However, many courses use open online resources and do not require purchase of course materials. Those courses are designated as ZTC.*
10. How do I get counseling help to complete my student education plan? *Students can book appointments online. Online drop-in counselling is also available. Please visit your college's Counseling Center website for details.*
11. How do I register for online classes? *Registration can be done online through InSite from your home country. Priority registration dates and times are listed in InSite under the Registration menu. Students may register for classes until midnight the day on August 23 classes.*
12. Am I required to enroll in a full course of study (12 units) if I am outside of the U.S.? *Current students and transfer students admitted for Fall 2020 are required to maintain active F-1 status by enrolling in a full course of study. Newly admitted Fall 2020 students who are taking classes online from home are not required to enroll in a full course of study from outside of the U.S. However, we strongly encourage full-time enrollment due to the temporary provisions of U.S. immigration policy guidance during COVID-19. For additional questions, please contact the*



international student office at your college.

13. What is the cost of online courses? *\$346 per unit.*
14. By when do I have to pay the tuition for online courses? *Students should pay the tuition for their online classes as soon as possible. However, if they need to pay in installments or wait to pay, they will not be charged late payment fees. Students should note that, if they have a balance on their account, a registration hold will be placed on their account. This hold will block them from being able to register for the following term. Once the tuition has been paid, this hold will be automatically removed from their account.*
15. Will students be allowed to attend the first few sessions of online courses before deciding whether to continue in or drop a course? *Yes, students may try online classes for several sessions. Students are allowed to drop an online course at no charge. The deadline to drop a course is September 7 for the Fall 2020 semester.*
16. Will students be able to receive online tutoring? *Yes, free online tutoring is available to all students through any Canvas course.*
17. How much time per week can students expect to spend for each online course? *Students can expect to spend 6 to 9 hours per week (on and offline) per every 3-unit course.*
18. What other online learning expectations should students be aware of? *Students should be prepared to actively participate in online courses through frequent interactions with instructors and classmates. This includes contributing to online discussions.*

Orientation

1. Will CCC/DVC/LMC offer an online orientation to replace the in-person orientation for Fall 2020? *Yes. We will update future students (admitted for Fall 2020) when we have details about this online orientation.*

Health Insurance

1. Are students required to purchase international student health insurance for Fall 2020 if they remain outside of the U.S. until the Spring 2021 semester? *No.*