

July 28, 2020

Dear Consular Officer and/or Customs and Border Protection Officer,

Montclair State University will be on a hybrid academic plan for the fall 2020 semester. Montclair State is **not** operating entirely online and **will** offer different combinations of in-person, hybrid, and remote courses. This academic model ensures that, if necessary, students can take courses for the fall 2020 semester that are not entirely online, and that the students will take the minimum number of online classes required to make normal progress in their degree program.

Based on the latest guidance by SEVP in its [July 15th, 2020 FAQ](#) there is no longer a requirement that school issue Form I-20 with special remarks about the fall 2020 semester. All I-20s issued by Montclair State University to its students should meet the requirements for them to apply for and obtain a non-immigrant F-1 visa, and meet eligibility requirements for entry into the U.S.

In addition, the July 15th, 2020 FAQ also allows electronic Form I-20 issuance for the fall semester and permits schools to electronically send Form I-20s to students. SEVP has also confirmed that they have coordinated with both the Department of State and CBP regarding the policy to allow electronic issuance and signing of Form I-20s for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency and that both agencies are in support of this action.

Classes begin on August 25, 2020. However, in acknowledgment of possible travel delays, Montclair State University will allow new students in initial status to arrive by September 1, 2020 to start their classes for the fall semester. We kindly ask your help in issuing a visa for or allowing entry of our students in the U.S. so that they can participate in their academic program.

Thank you for your understanding during these stressful times.

Sincerely,



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