



## International Student and Scholar Services

Dear NAME:

### **THIS WEEK: WHAT TO EXPECT IN A U.S. CLASSROOM**

**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’s important to learn what academic honesty and integrity means 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** (<http://d2l.depaul.edu>) to find out what is appropriate and not appropriate in joint academic work and what kind of consequences a student might face when violating the [Academic Integrity Policy](#).

**Successful completion of this online class is mandatory and should be completed prior to your first class at DePaul!**

**Independence!** 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 their expectations.

**Participation!** What U.S. professors consider class participation may be very different than your experience in your home country. Professors in the United States and at DePaul will expect you to actively participate 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 difficult – especially in English! Don't worry, you can do it! Push yourself to be active and out-spoken in classes.

### **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.

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

Best wishes,

The ISS Team

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***Why am I receiving this email?***

*Soon you will begin your academic adventure at DePaul University. DePaul is a large university and International Student and Scholar Services (ISS) will connect you to the many resources you need to be successful here. In the weeks before you start your first quarter as a DePaul student, ISS will send you emails with information that will help you prepare. 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. 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.*