



ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
International Center

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To: U.S. Embassy or Consulate or Customs and Border Protection
Re: Electronic Form I-20; Mode of Instruction for Spring 2022 Semester

Dear Officer,

Please note that Illinois Institute of Technology has issued the following statements to all of its incoming international students, at all academic levels.

Electronic I-20s:

As authorized by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), Illinois Institute of Technology has provided this prospective international student with an electronic format of the Form I-20. Per the guidance issued to all U.S. institutions by SEVP on March 25th, 2020, Designated School Officials (DSOs) may electronically sign and send the Form I-20 to prospective international students in the following ways:

- *Emailing a scanned version of the physically signed Form I-20;*
- *Emailing a digitally signed Form I-20 using electronic signature software;*
- *Emailing a digitally signed Form I-20 that contains a digitally reproduced copy of a physical signature.*

Per this same guidance, SEVP stated that they have informed the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of this new change in policy and that they should accept the Form I-20 in electronic format.

Spring 2022 Instruction Format:

Illinois Institute of Technology certifies that, as of the date of this letter, it is our institution's intention not to operate in an entirely online mode of instruction for the Spring 2022 semester. Illinois Institute of Technology's current plan is to hold classes at all academic levels, using a combination of physical classes, hybrid classes, and online classes for the Spring 2022 semester. The purpose of this support letter is to confirm that the holder of this letter and an Illinois Institute of Technology-issued I-20 plans to participate in all the above-mentioned modes of instructions in the Spring 2022 semester. If, at some point in the semester, Illinois Institute of Technology is prevented from offering these modes of instruction for classes due to a COVID-19 outbreak on campus or a state-mandated public health restrictions, Illinois Institute of Technology will ensure that this student remain in status by taking their classes online for the rest of the semester. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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