Fall 2021
Admitted MS/PhD Students Town Hall Meeting

Stony Brook University

Department of Computer Science
Covid19 Status in Campus/Local Area

- 48% fully vaccinated in Suffolk county
- 56% at least one dose
- 70%+ expected by start of Fall.

Campus slowly coming back to in-person operation

Most classes in-person or hybrid in Fall 2021
Vaccination Requirement & Vaccine Availability

- From Fall, SUNY will require all in-person students to be fully vaccinated against Covid19, contingent on final approval of the vaccines.
  - Currently all vaccines in US only has only emergency-use approval.
- If you are not vaccinated, the campus is making arrangements so that you can get vaccinated soon after arrival. No cost to students.
- If you have been vaccinated with a vaccine that is not approved for use in the USA, you will receive guidance soon.
Visa, Travel, Late Arrival Issues

- Typically students arrive 1-2 weeks before start of classes.
  - You are normally expected to arrive within 2 weeks of start of classes.

- Your tuition liability is fully incurred at 2 weeks. You will be liable for the tuition even if you change your mind later and want to drop classes.
Classes are Full

- This is a routine occurrence due to over-registration.
- They will open up closer to Fall.
  - We prohibit over-registration
  - We often add extra capacity if needed
- Our graduate student population for Fall 21 is smaller than in the past.
  So, there is no real capacity issue.
Deferred Admission

- Can I defer to Spring 22?
  - Yes. This will be automatically approved upon request.
- Can I defer to Fall 22?
  - Possible, but no guarantee.
  - You can request a deferral, but this will be evaluated in a case by case basis and cannot be confirmed before Spring 22.
- Email deferral requests to graduate@cs.stonybrook.edu once you are certain that you will need a deferral.
Online Enrollment for Fall?

Can I enroll online in Fall and arrive in person in Spring?

- We will consider this option if most students are not able to arrive by Fall.
- You may have a limited choice of classes, if online.
- You will need access to high quality, stable Internet connection.
- Time difference may make it difficult to attend full-time. But you can attend part-time as there is no visa-related restrictions.
- You will still need to pay tuition & fees (as normal).
  - There is no online discount.
  - A small part of the fees can be waived that are only applicable to on-campus students.
Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Issues

- CPT is not required, but CPT in summer is very popular among our students.
- We have made curricular changes to allow internships during Fall and Spring semesters. Before, students were only allowed during Summer.
- International students must still satisfy immigration rules. Must be in US for two full-time regular semesters (Fall/Spring) before eligible for CPT.
- This means Spring 22 students will not be eligible for CPT until Spring 23.
- Can stay in school in Summer 22 and do Summer classes and can graduate by end of Fall 22.
Questions

General: graduate@cs.stonybrook.edu

Housing: reside@stonybrook.edu

Health:  Student Health Services
https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/studentaffairs/shs/about/hours.php

SBU Covid Info:  https://www.stonybrook.edu/comingback/

VIS:  https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/visa/