



UMBC International Student and Scholar Services

Spring 2022 International Student Orientation

Session 2: January 28, 2022



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📌 Agenda 📌

Session 2 - Friday, January 28th. 9:00 AM EST

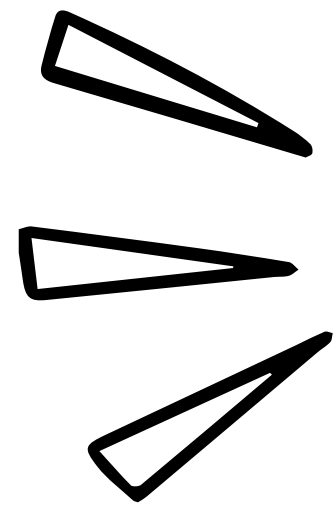
- Review of F-1 International Student Immigration Requirements
- U.S. Culture In and Out of the Classroom
- Health Insurance and Waiver Process
- U.S. Healthcare System
- Career Center

Reminder: Attendance at both sessions is mandatory.

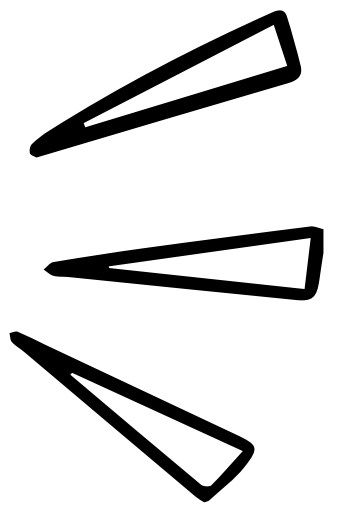


Session 2: International Student Orientation

Reminder:



Please **type questions in**
the Q&A not in the chat



Our team is monitoring the Q&A during this session. The chat is for links we share, but it is not monitored for questions.

Your patience is appreciated as we answer your questions!



Attendance Time!

Please now complete the Google Form we have shared in the chat.

The form will stop accepting submissions in **20 minutes**.
You must be present for the duration of session!

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(I-20)



Change of Immigration
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New Students!

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Something else?

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University Center, 207



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F-1 Regulations Review



Maintain Your Status!

- Register full-time
- Keep I-20 current
- Follow employment guidelines closely
- Don't break U.S. laws
- Keep in touch with the ISSS Office



Maintaining your F-1 Status:

Course Registration

- You have to be registered at UMBC!
- Optional to register during Summer and Winter breaks - not required
- Must be registered “full time” during Fall and Spring semesters – ✨ we check! ✨
- May take a class at another campus also (must speak with academic advisor first)



Definition of “Full-Time Enrollment” at UMBC

- **Undergraduate students:**

- 12 credit hours minimum Fall and Spring semester

- **Graduate Students:**

- 9 credits per semester in fall and spring semester.
- Full-Time graduate assistants should register for at least 4 academic credits
- Part-Time graduate assistants should register for at least 6 academic credits



"Reduced Course Load"

- Few exceptions to the full-time enrollment requirement:
 - Medical (physical or mental health challenges)
 - Academic (can only be approved once):
 - First Semester Academic Difficulty (English language, reading requirements, adjustment challenges)
 - “Improper Course Placement”
- **MUST be approved by ISSS before dropping below full-time**



Work Options Summary

- On-campus work (immediate)
- Off-campus work:
 - CPT (after 2 semesters)
 - OPT (after graduation)
 - STEM OPT Extension
- Career Center



How can you lose your status?

- If you do not register for a full course load
- If you let your I-20 end date expire
- If you work off-campus without authorization
- If you break the law and are arrested for more than a minor offense



Remember...

**Your immigration status is
your responsibility!**

We are here to assist you in maintaining it so your
experience in the US is enjoyable and fruitful.



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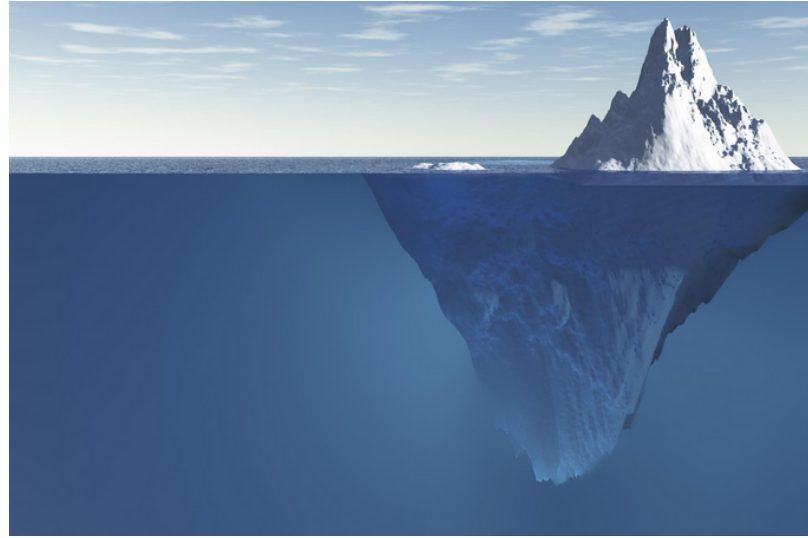
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adventures on ✧
campus and the U.S.



US Culture In and Out of the Classroom

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What is Culture?

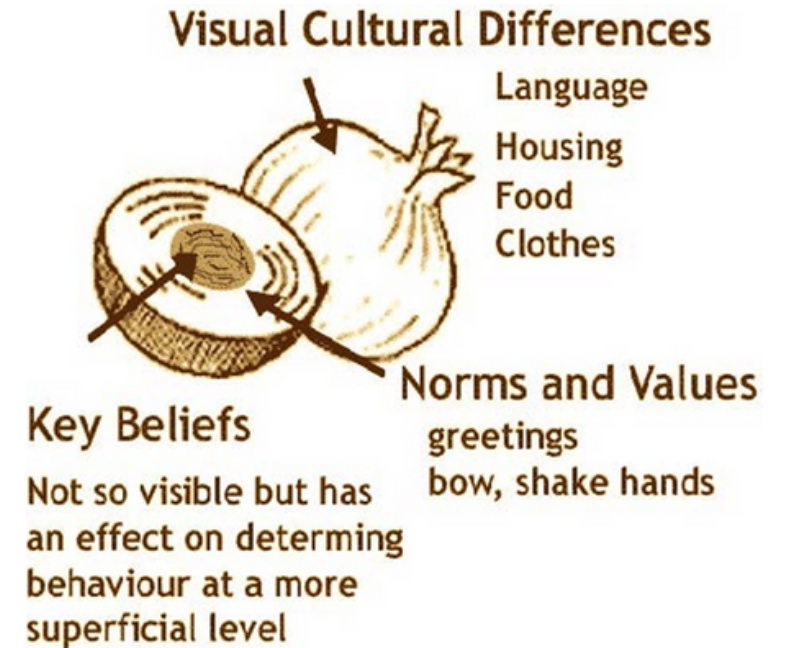


Observable

- Behaviors
- Appearance
- Habits
- Language
- Customs

Non-Observable

- Learning styles
- Concept of time
- Thought process
- Norms
- Values



Intercultural Competence

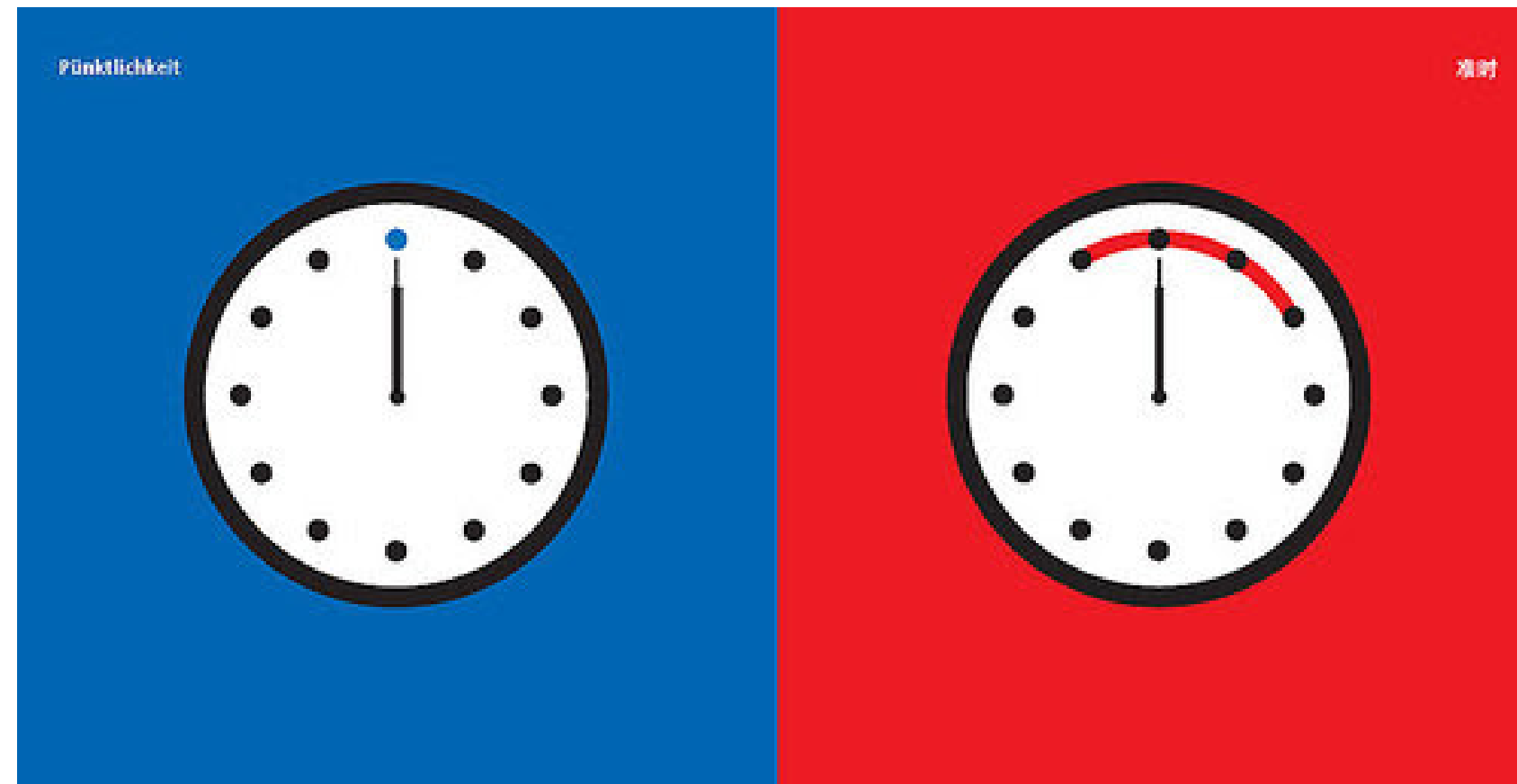
[...]a set of cognitive, affective and behavioral skills and characteristics that support effective and appropriate interaction in a variety of contexts.

– Jannet M. Bennett, Ph.D.



Cultural Differences:

Time



Cultural Differences: Time

Monochronic (U.S.)

- Time is a commodity – “don’t waste time,” “time is money”
- Be **prompt**, don’t be late
- Start on time and end on time
- Time is scheduled and organized for **one thing at a time**
- Time divided into blocks using a **calendar or clock**
- Appointments and **scheduled** events are taken seriously
- Cultural emphasis on **efficiency**

Polychronic

- Time is **flexible, fluid**
- Time varies with the season or because of religious festivals.
- Easier to **change or adapt** when plans change
- Go **until it is finished**, not until the time finished
- Time commitments based on value of **relationship**
- Many Polychronic cultures value relationships and an unexpected visit will change the schedule.



DEADLINES!

In a monochronic culture (i.e. the U.S.), not completing a project or task can be a very serious offense.



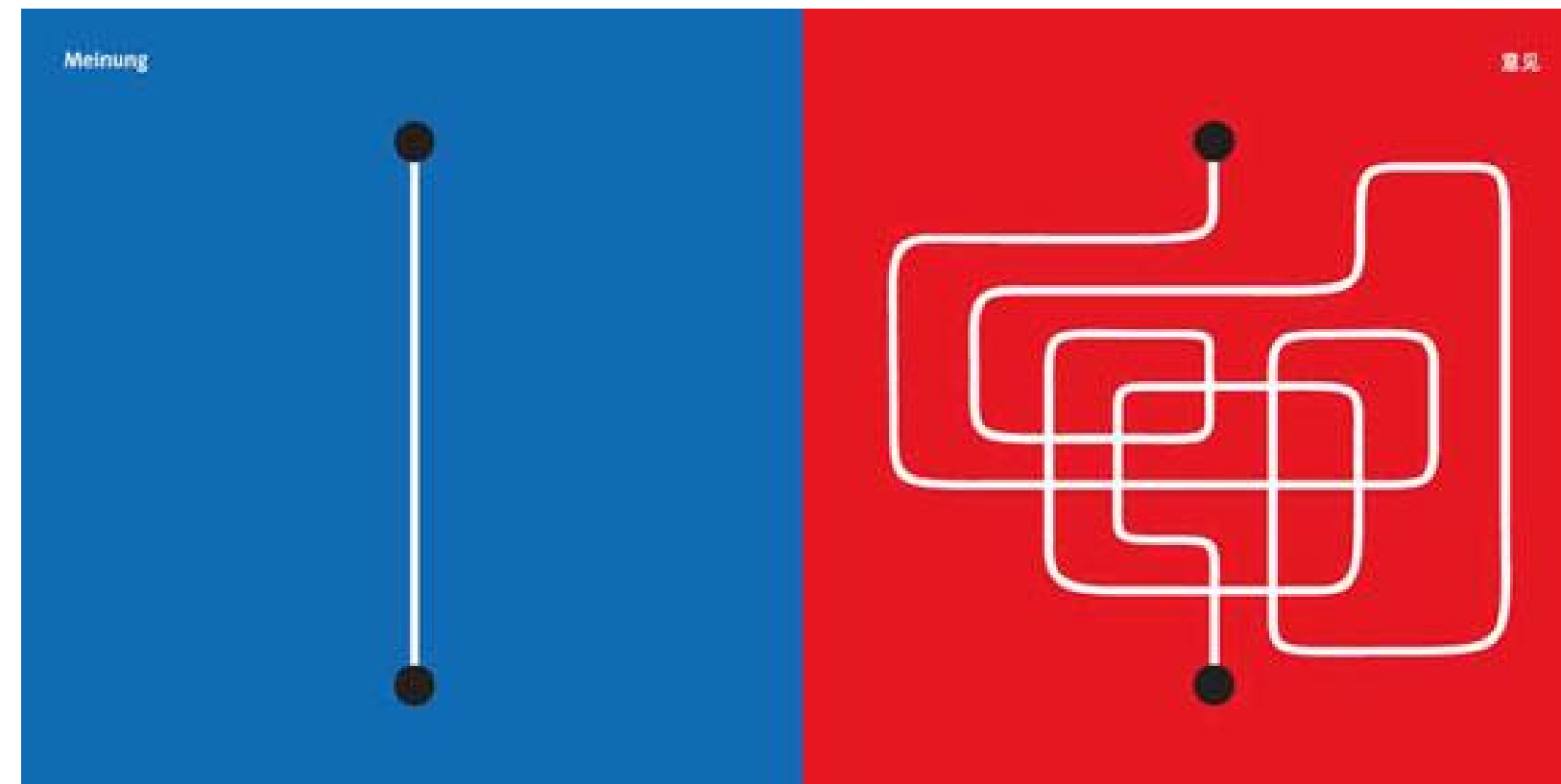
In Practice at UMBC

- Deadlines
- Appointments (at a time, for a specific amount of time and purpose)
- Business Hours (8-5, Mon - Fri)

Ambassadors: As a student, can you share an example of a situation where you learned about the importance of meeting deadlines? Have you ever missed a deadline?



Cultural Differences: Communication



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Direct (U.S.)

- Emphasis on words
- Instructions are **explicit**, less room for interpretation
- Focus of communication is on the **task**, not the relationship.
- More **formal, written** communication
- Most **policies are written and made public**
- Business conducted by **email and phone**
- Criticism is given **privately**

Indirect

- It's how you say it, **not what** you say!
- Emphasis on **tone of voice, body language, silence** etc..
- **Details and relationships** between communicators more important – **power distance**
- Business conducted **in person**
- Often times the key point or request is **unspoken** and not written but expected to be understood
- Often uses storytelling to make key point



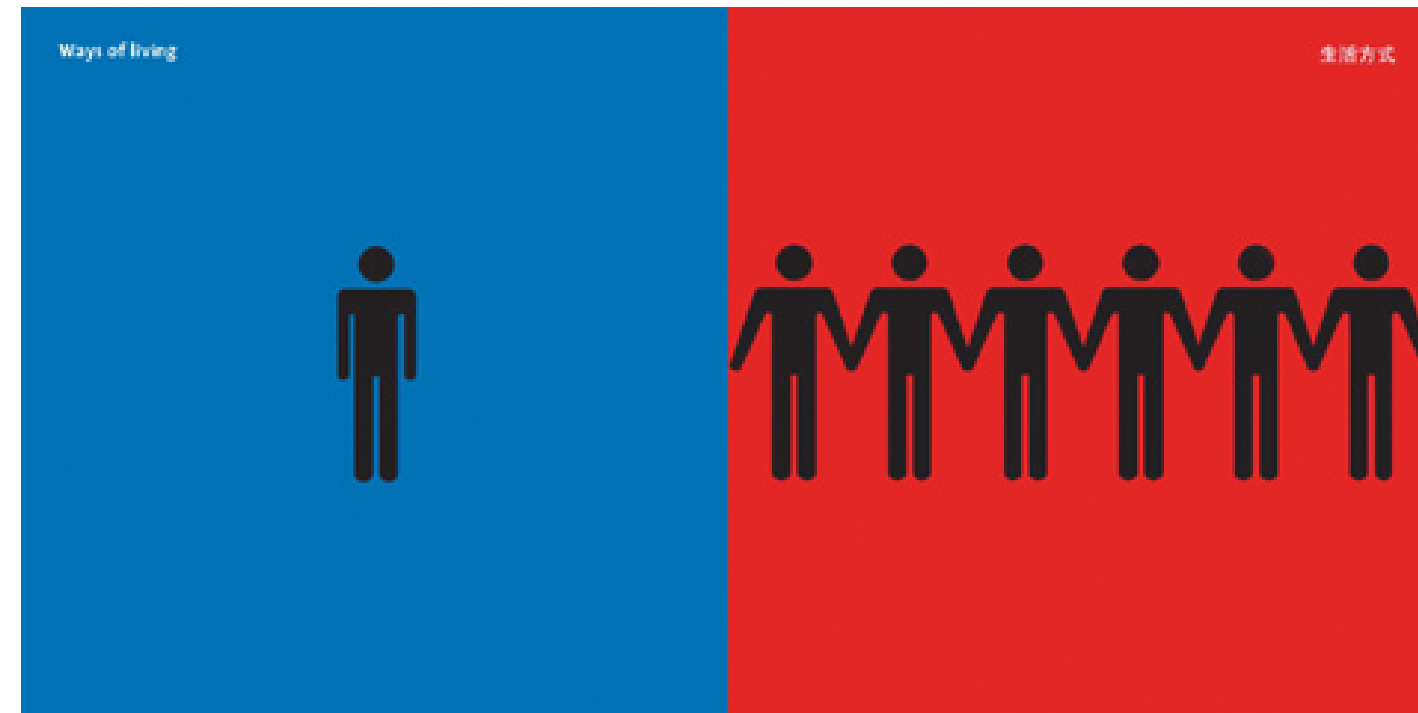
In Practice at UMBC

- Email etiquette
- Finding policy and process: isss.umbc.edu
- The answer is the answer no matter who you ask, how you ask, when you ask, how frequently you ask

Ambassadors: How do you communicate or address your professors at UMBC?
What if you don't know them?



Cultural Differences: Relationships



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Individualism (U.S.)

- People are viewed as **individuals** before they are viewed as group members
- Parents and teachers want to help people become **independent**
- Speak about “I”
- Emphasis on truth telling.
- People have their **own needs** and need to be **alone**
- Success of the **individual** is the most important

Indirect

- Sum of the parts is more valuable than any one individual
- Parents and teachers want to help young people feel **safe** and that they will never have to be alone
- The needs of the **larger group/family** are more important than an individual's needs
- Success of the **group/family** is most important
- Goal of parenting and mentoring is **develop loyalty** to the **family** or social **group**



Collectivism and Individualism

Working Together

- People from collectivist cultures might need to limit the expectations they have of receiving help from others and do more for themselves
- People from collectivists cultures may enjoy the new freedom of having fewer obligations.

Dr. Katherine Punteney (2015)



In Practice at UMBC

- Plagiarism
- Asking for help/needing help – It's OKAY

Ambassadors:

- What do you do if you need additional help with a course assignment?
- Have you used any resources at UMBC ensure your assignments meet academic integrity standards?



US Classrooms

- Equality is the ideal in a classroom
- Meeting leader values input from participants-learn from each other
- Participants actively engage in class discussion by sharing their thoughts and personal perspective
- Normal for participants to ask questions when they don't understand or disagree; encouraged to challenge authority
- Don't forget to step up and step back when appropriate



Effective Email Communication

Across Cultures

- Cultural understanding of communication types, time and relationships affect our communication style
- Something that is perceived positively in one culture can be interpreted negatively in another
- Let's see how this applies to communicating with the UMBC community and eventually in a professional setting



In Practice at UMBC

DO!	Check website/syllabus before emailing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Websites often have the answer you're seeking• Some departments operate via contact forms on website, not email
DO!	Include your full name and Campus ID	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This will help the person responding provide you with the most accurate information in a timely manner
DO NOT!	Send a follow up email before receiving a response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emails are usually answered in the order they're received• Sending multiple emails increases response time
DO!	Identify proper audience for your inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensures a proper and accurate response
DO NOT!	Include vague details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be sure to properly explain your situation/request• Vague details can delay receiving a final response and affect accuracy of information you receive
DO!	Understand communication protocol for office/person you're contacting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response time• Protocols for submitting documents• Proper Contact information



Example 1 - How would you suggest the student updates this email to be more effective?

1/14/2021

Gmail - (no subject)



Sara Jones <sjones94@gmail.com>

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1 message

Sara Jones <sjones94@gmail.com>To: Communications
Department <commadvising@umbc.edu>

Sat, Jan 14, 2021 at 9:03 AM

Hello,

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Thank you!
Sara Jones
Campus ID: AY39469



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Example 1 - How would you suggest the student updates this email to be more effective?



- **No subject line**
- **Doesn't properly explain issue/question**



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- **Descriptive subject line**
- **Includes accurate explanation of issue**



Example 2 - How would you suggest the student updates this email to be more effective?



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Requesting Office Hour Appointment Week 11/15

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To: Communications Department <commadvising@umbc.edu>

Wed, Oct 28, 2020 at 8:59 PM

Reminder.

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Hello Professor,

I sent you an email yesterday requesting office hour appointment but haven't heard from you. Please let me know when I can have an appointment with you the week of 11/15.

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- Student sent 3 emails within 48 hours



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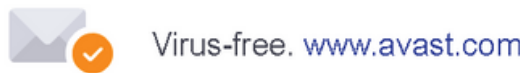
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Thurs, Nov 5, 2020 at 9:35 PM

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- **Follow up if they haven't heard back in the appropriate time**



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06/24/2020

Gmail - Scholarship Questions - Undergraduate



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Sun, Jun 24, 202 at 8:45 AM

To: <reslife@umbc.edu>, <compliance@umbc.edu>, <admissions@umbc.edu>, <dining@umbc.edu>, <IT@umbc.edu>, Prof. Smith <smith@umbc.edu>, Prof. Brown <brown@umbc.edu>

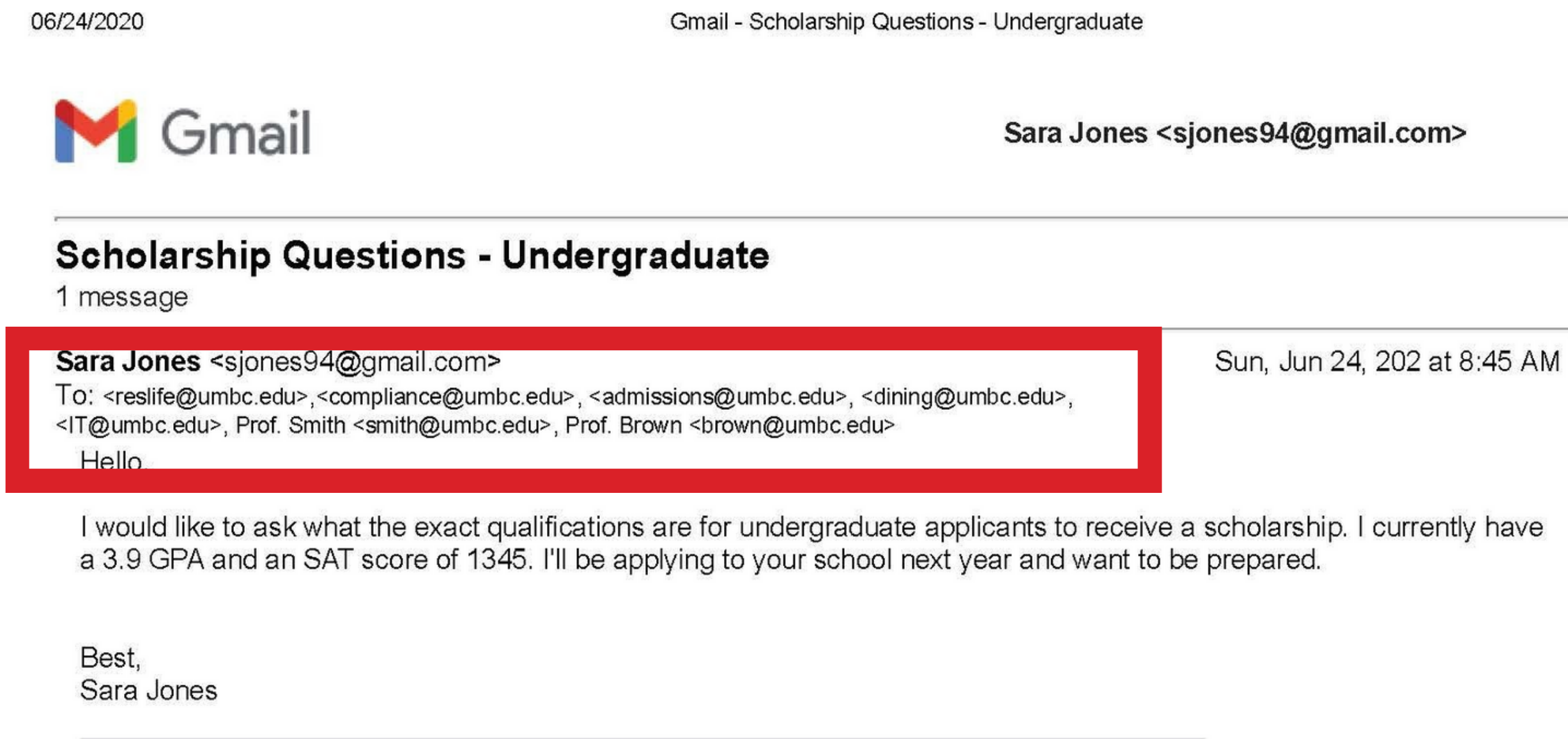
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- Student has included many people/departments that are not relevant to their question



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- **Include the most appropriate office for your questions**
- **Check the appropriate website**
- **Use the Contact Resource at the end of this presentation/International Student Arrival Guide**
- **Still not sure? Email us at iss@umbc.edu and we can help!**



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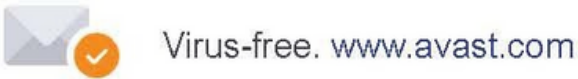
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Sun, Jul 24, 2020 at 7:58 PM

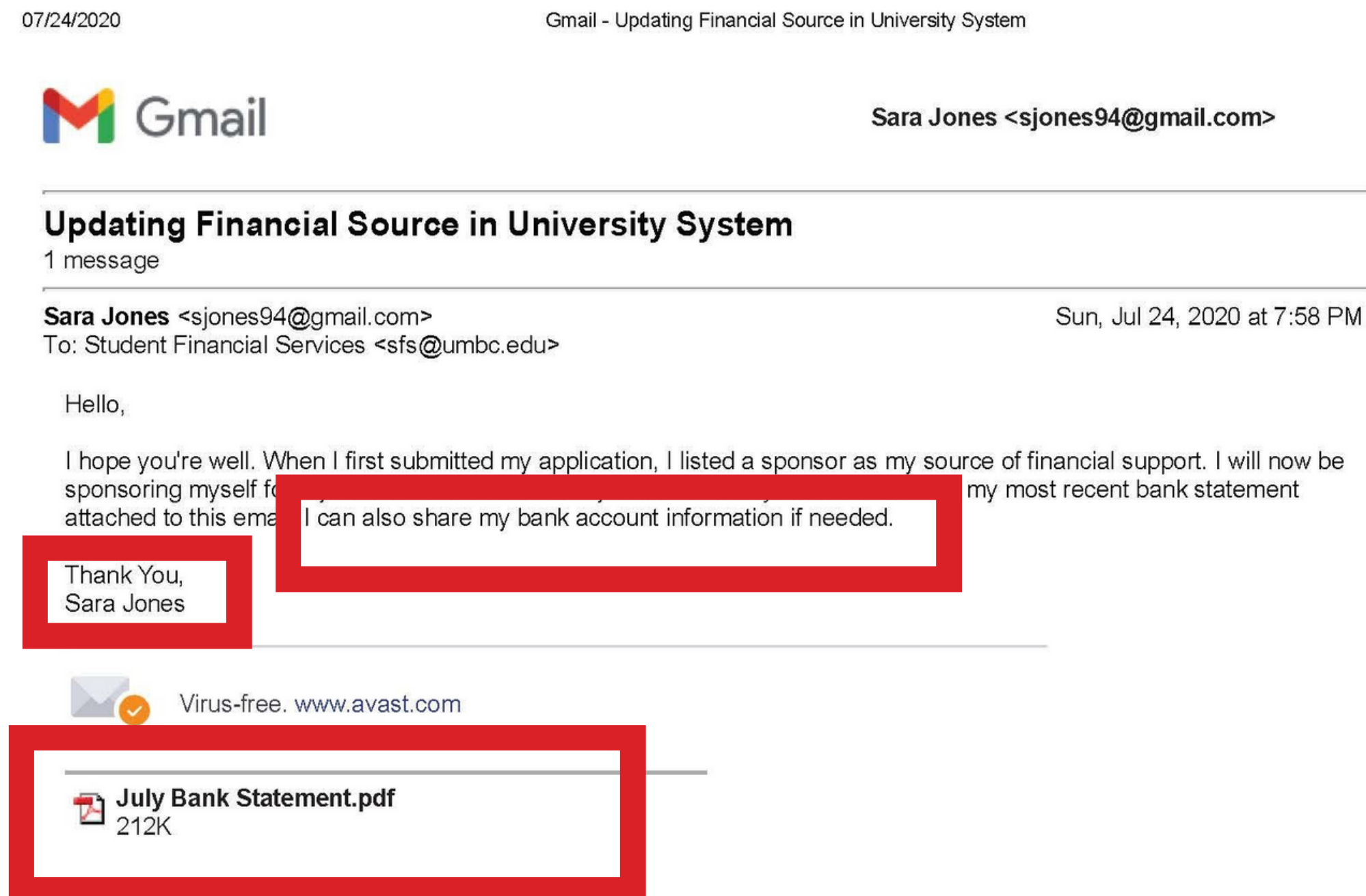
Hello,

I hope you're well. When I first submitted my application, I listed a sponsor as my source of financial support. I will now be sponsoring myself for my studies and would like my documents adjusted. Please find my most recent bank statement attached to this email. I can also share my bank account information if needed.

Thank You,
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- **Student has included bank documents and plans to send other financially sensitive info via email**
- **Student doesn't include Campus ID**



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Hello Sara,

Thank you for email. You can update your financial documents in the "Finance Section" of your myUMBC account. This allows us to keep your financial information secure. There's a tutorial on that available here: [Updating Funding Source](#)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
UMBC Finance Team

On Sun, Jan 24, 2021, 10:02 PM adwoa hanson-hall <ahhall@bu.edu> wrote:

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- **Student included Campus ID**
- **Never attach financial information to emails or share sensitive information in emails**
- **Check website for instructions on submitting forms and documents**



Global Ambassadors

- Are emailing and other forms of communicating in your home country very different from the US? Did you have trouble adjusting?
- Can you share your personal tips for communicating effectively via email?
- What are some dos/don'ts you've learned?



Contacting the ISSS Team

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Live Chat (all times Eastern US Time)

Monday/Thursday: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM -12:00

Tuesday/Friday 10:00 AM -12:00, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

[Live Chat](#)



ISSS Advising Appointments

Monday: 10:00 AM- 12:00 noon

Wednesday: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Thursday: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

[Book an Advising Appointment](#)



Live Chat & Advising Appointments

Live Chat

Use Live Chat for:

- **Quick** questions related to F-1 status and immigration, such as: F-1 credit requirements, CPT requirements, work authorization, travel
- **Quick** questions about accessing ISSS Portal services, such as requesting an I-20, I-20 reprints, travel signatures, submitting a CPT application

DO NOT use Live Chat for:

- Following up applications, ISSS portal services or emails

Advising Appointments

When you should book an appointment:

- Have an issue too complicated for Live Chat
- Have documents that need to be physically reviewed (other than I-20 travel signatures)

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- Response time - 3 business days
- Do not send multiple or reminder emails
- Include full name and campus ID
- Include relevant information so we can best advise you
- Do not follow up via live chat or advising appointment before receiving a response



More resources for email etiquette

- Email Etiquette For International Students
- Make Your Emails Count!



International Student Arrival Guide

This guide share what you'll need to know about arriving and settling in on campus. From useful resources, campus contacts to where to buy necessities once you're in the US; this guide has everything you'll need!

[Download the guide here!](#)

Pages 23-25 are a full directory of campus contacts and services.

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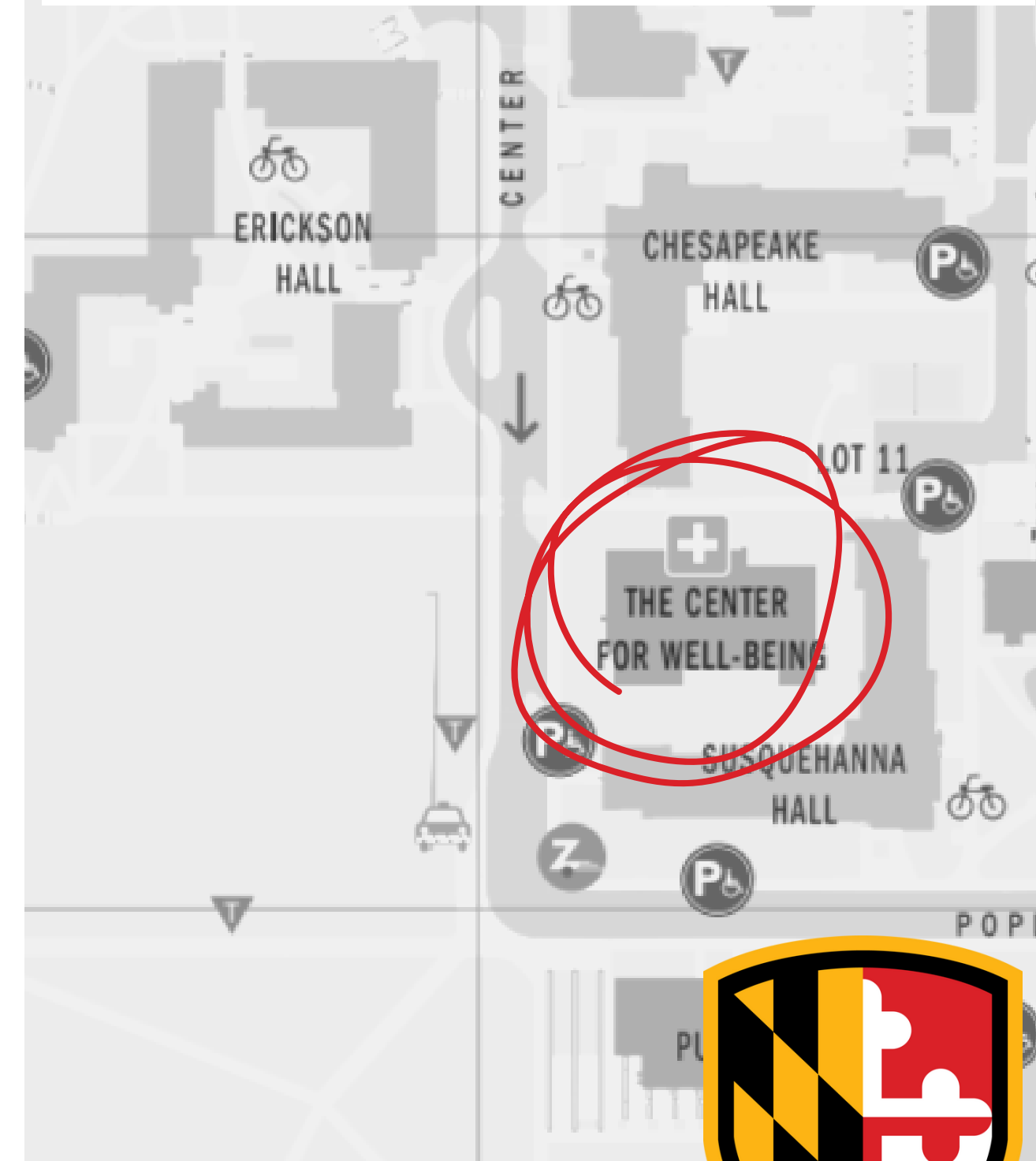
Understanding the U.S. Health System



Retriever Integrated Health (RIH) - Health Services

- RIH is UMBC's on campus student health services center. You'll be able to visit the doctor here as a student at UMBC.
- Health Services is part of Retriever Integrated Health (RIH) which also includes the Counseling Center and Office of Health Promotion.

RIH is located in The Center for Well-Being (D7 on campus map). Signs with the location are on campus

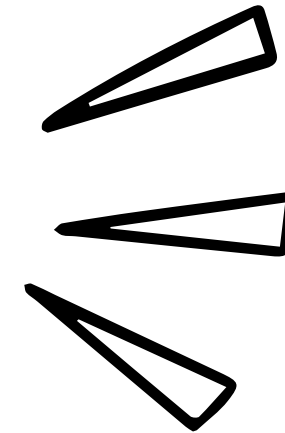
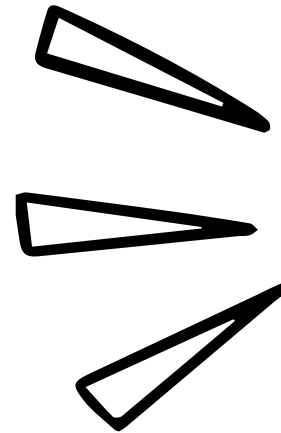


Overview of Services

- Diagnosis and treatment of acute illnesses and injuries
- Treatment & monitoring of chronic illnesses
- Immunizations including MMR, Tetanus, Meningitis, Hepatitis B, Gardasil, seasonal flu, and others
- Preventative and routine gynecological and contraceptive care
- Tuberculosis screenings
- Routine physical examinations
- Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) screenings
- Laboratory testing including free, confidential HIV testing
- Pharmacy services for prescriptions written by UHS providers, including birth control and emergency contraception
- Acupuncture
- Massage Therapy



Health Insurance Basics



Deductible

The amount for care you must pay before insurance begins to pay your claims.
Renews yearly

Copay

The amount you must pay when you visit a doctor. This is paid per visit.

Coinsurance

The percentage of the total bill you are responsible to pay (after your deductible is met)

In-Network Care

Providers your insurance has an agreement with. Look for care in-network first. Coverage is higher & your deductible and coinsurance are lower



Is health insurance required?

YES



- International students are required by law to hold a US health insurance policy. **There is no exception to this rule**



New students are automatically enrolled in UMBC's comprehensive health care plan

- Plan name: Aetna Student Health
- Coverage begins at the start of the semester
- The cost of insurance will be billed to you (this is your premium)
- For services rendered at UHS, deductible is waived & covered medical expenses are paid at 100% (after copay)



University Health Insurance Plan



Plan Pays:

- **In-network:** Plan pays 80%, Coinsurance 20%
- **Out of network:** Plan pays 60%, Coinsurance: 10%
- **Discount Vision Plan:** The plan includes a discount vision plan. The coverage gives discounts on services offered by a vision care provider.

Copays at UHS

- Office Visit: \$10
- Massage: \$20
- Acupuncture: \$20
- Pharmacy (generic): \$10
- Pharmacy (name brand): \$40



With the University Plan, RIH is your Primary Care Provider

- When you are enrolled at in the University Health , RIH is automatically your primary care provider.



Review your Aetna Student Health Plan

- Basic policy benefits from Health Services: Click [here](#)
- [Aetna Student Health full benefits summary](#): Click [here](#)



Do I have any other options for insurance?

- The University Health Insurance plan you are enrolled in (AETNA Student Health) is a good value for money & most students stick with this plan but, students may purchase another plan.
- Consider the pros and cons when reviewing plans, cheaper isn't always better



However, if you choose a different plan:

- The plan must meet certain minimum requirements. All policies will be audited by Student Health to ensure that they meet the requirements.
- You'll need to waive your UMBC insurance.
- The deadline to waive your insurance if you choose to do so, is **Feb 28**. If you do not waive you will not be refunded.
- These instructions only apply if you choose to purchase and use another insurance plan



Think carefully & read the policy:

Important considerations for other plans

- **Higher Deductible & Copays:** You may find a lower premium but, other plan deductibles & co-pays are higher. These costs will add up
- **Deductible not waived for RIH services:** With other plans, you are required to pay toward your deductible for services rendered at RIH (such as your required TB test)
- **Different coverage levels:** **Read the fine print!** You want to ensure you're covered if you get sick or injured. There may also be fewer in-network providers.



You do not need to waive anything if you **keep** the university health insurance plan. Aetna Student Health meets (and exceeds) all requirements.



Using your health insurance

What to do if you need to see a doctor



How do I make an appointment at Health Services? What should I bring with me?

By phone: 410-455-2542, during operating hours: **Schedule a virtual visit!**

Required for any appointment:

- Valid form of identification (UMBC I.D. or other form of identification)
- Health insurance card or a copy of it.



Health Services Virtual Visits

RIH offers virtual visits. Request virtual when you're making your appointment

Other telehealth medicine options

TELADOC: Aetna Student Health Telemedicine: Access a doctor via phone at 855-TELADOC (855-835-2362) or via the Aetna mobile app. There is no copay

- You will need:
 - Aetna student health insurance number on your insurance card.
 - Instructions for Teladoc: Click [here](#)

CVS minute clinic: Click [here](#)



How do I get my insurance card?

Your insurance card will be mailed to the local address you have listed on your myUMBC. **Make sure this is up to date!**

Need to use your insurance before you get your card?

- You can print your insurance card from the Aetna Student Health website
- Contact Health Service and provide your Campus ID number also your 10 digit EMPID (your Aetna ID number)

Keep your card with you. **Bring it anytime you see a doctor!**



What other immunizations are required?

All UMBC students are required to complete the Mandatory Health Form and report required immunizations

Required immunizations:

- Two MMR's (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) after your 1st birthday
- Tuberculosis (TB) test: All international students are required to have a TB test (T-spot or Quantiferon) in the US within 6 months of entering UMBC.
- Required if living on-campus: Meningitis
- WHO or FDA approved COVID-19 Vaccine
- More info about immunizations: [Click here](#)

If you do not submit the required proof of immunizations, you will not be able to register for classes for future semesters



What if I need to see a specialist?

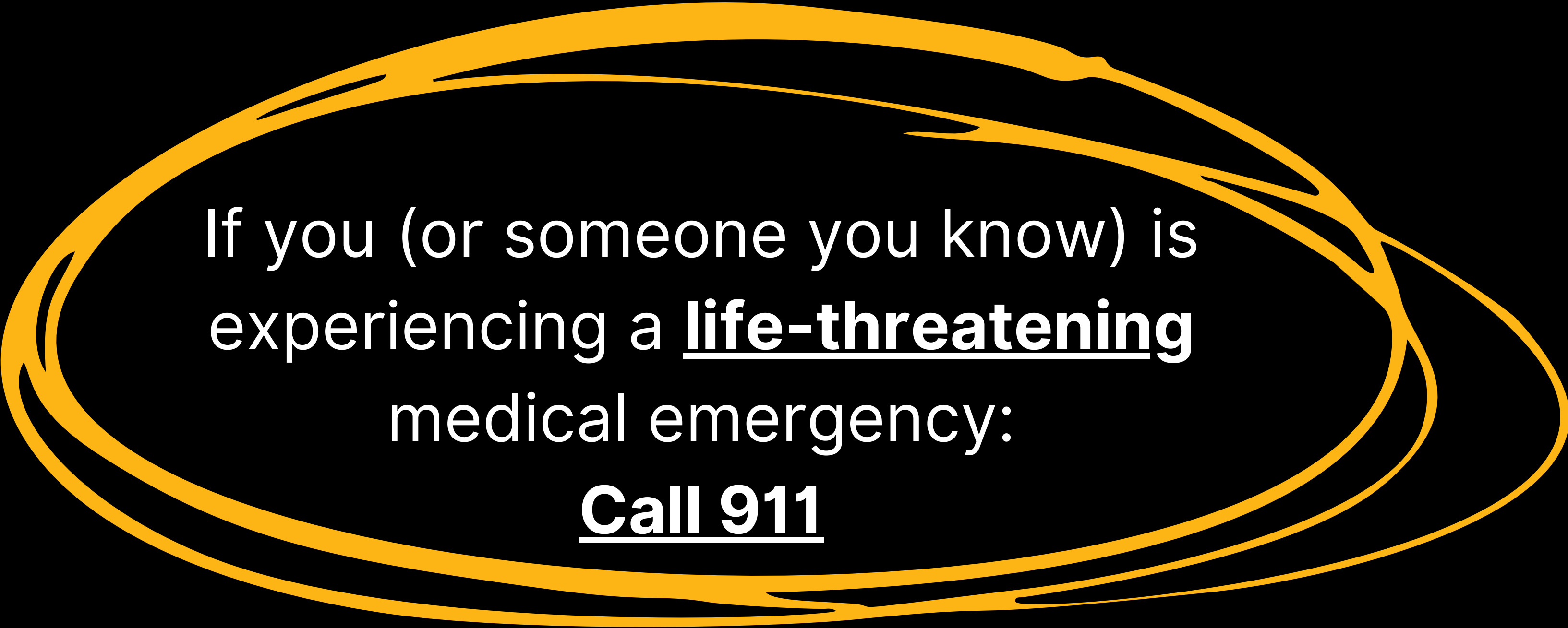
Before you see a specialist **ALWAYS:**

- Get a referral from RIH
- Make sure the specialist is in-network! Always ask or check on the Aetna Student Health website

Make sure you always get a referral from RIH, if not this can raise your deductible if the specialist is out of network

- Click [here](#) to view Aetna's in-network providers (follow instructions under option 1)





If you (or someone you know) is
experiencing a life-threatening
medical emergency:

Call 911

I'm sick or injured. Where should I go?

RIH, PCP or Clinic Appointment

Examples of UHS visit conditions:

- Preventative/routine care
- Cold or minor illness
- Minor cuts or sprains
- Prescriptions

Copay:

- RIH: \$10
- Clinic: varies (~\$10-25)

Urgent Care: Minor injuries & urgent conditions

Examples of urgent care
conditions:

- Fevers
- Sprain
- Rashes and cuts

Copay: \$25

Emergency Room: Major emergencies

Examples of major emergencies

- Severe bleeding
- Inability to breathe
- Loss of consciousness
- Major injuries or impact

Copay: \$75

**If an injury is life threatening don't be deterred by cost & copays.
911 or an ambulance can be life saving**



Have more questions? **Contact RIH**

Email: rih@umbc.edu

Phone: 410-455-2542

RIH Operating Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5:00pm EST

Location: The Center for Well-Being (D7 on map).

RIH Website: <https://health.umbc.edu/>



Questions? Need assistance?



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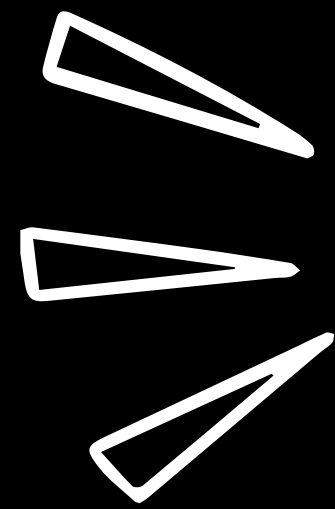


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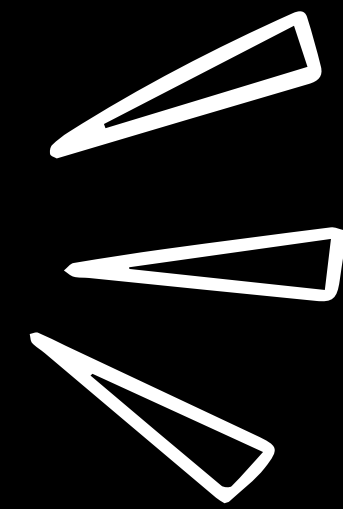
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Attendance Reminder!

Last chance to complete the Google Form we have shared in the chat if you haven't already.

The form will stop accepting submissions in **10 minutes**.
You must be present for the **entire** duration of session!

Reminder: Attendance at both sessions is mandatory.



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iss-portals.umbc.edu



myUMBC Group:
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Definition of “Full-Time Enrollment” at UMBC

- **Undergraduate students:**

- 12 credit hours minimum Fall and Spring semester

- **Graduate Students:**

- 9 credits per semester in fall and spring semester.
- Full-Time graduate assistants should register for at least 4 academic credits
- Part-Time graduate assistants should register for at least 6 academic credits



Off-Campus Employment: CPT

CPT: Curricular Practical Training

- Paid internships while a current student
- Eligible after 2 academic semesters in US
- Must be authorized by ISSS, noted on I-20
- Must be related to your degree program, and noted on transcript



Social Security Number (SSN)

Purpose

- Required to get paid
- Tracks income for tax purposes

Application Process

- Receive job offer
- Complete New Student Arrival Documentation Check-In in ISSS Portal
- Submit SSN Letter Request via ISSS Portal
- Allow 3 business days for processing
- See the ISSS website for instructions: iss.s.umbc.edu/ssn/



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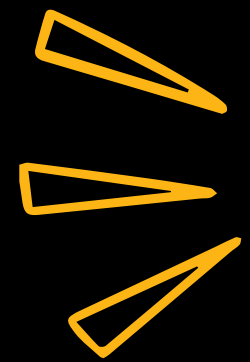
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We wish you a wonderful semester!

