

University at Buffalo Admission Letter and I-20 Program Start Date discrepancy

Dear U.S. Consular Official/Customs and Border Protection Officer,

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic many F-1 students planning to arrive in the U.S. to begin studies for our Spring 2021 semester at the State University of New York at Buffalo (University at Buffalo) were unable to arrive due to travel restrictions or visa delays. Many of these students decided to begin studies online from their home countries and can provide documentation confirming enrollment at our institution for our Spring 2021 semester (February 1, 2021-May 15, 2021). You will see that students in this situation have an admission letter indicating Spring 2021 admission and an I-20 with a program start date of August 30, 2021. Since they have started their academic program, they will not receive, nor do they require, new admission letters. Please accept this letter as explanation for the discrepancy.

We support their arrival in Buffalo and appreciate your consideration of their visa appointment and entry to the U.S.

If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at iss@buffalo.edu.

Sincerely,



Katie Tudini
Assistant Vice Provost and Director for International Student Services University at Buffalo