Have you been able to log into Campus Connect and review the Course Catalog? Have you emailed with your academic advisor to introduce yourself and ask any questions you have about courses or registration? Have you completed your on-campus housing agreement or started looking for an apartment? Need help? Email us at internationalprograms@depaul.edu and we will help to connect you to the right campus resources.

As you continue preparing, it is time to think about what it means to be a student in the United States and at DePaul.

1. Depending on where you are from, what it means to sit in a classroom and participate in class may be very different here than it is at home. Professors in the United States and at DePaul will expect you to talk and share your opinions to show that you have read the material and are thinking about the subject of the class. For some of you this may be really, really difficult – especially in English!

2. What does it mean to “work together” on a paper or project? How do you show where you got information and ideas for a paper or presentation? When do you have to cite your resources and when is it not important?

These answers may be the same in your home country as it is here or they may be different. Working together and writing an excellent paper can have a very different meaning in different academic cultures – even within the United States. While at DePaul, you will have many group assignments and many papers and presentations. It is important to learn what your fellow students and professors will expect of you!

Complete this online module and click on all the different options to identify some differences between your home university culture and expectations and DePaul’s. You can also click here to read more about our academic integrity policy and procedures for the entire university.

3. Remember: The Academic Calendar probably looks different here than it does at home.

DePaul’s College of Law operates on a semester system. You can look at the full academic calendar for the College of Law online.

The rest of DePaul operates on a quarter system, which means classes only meet for 10 weeks. In that time, you start a new course, read a lot of material, write a lot of papers and take exams! The full academic calendar is online. You can read about when the terms start and end and when exam periods happen.