



November 13, 2020

U.S. Department of State
Consular Section
&
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Customs and Border Protection, Port of Entry

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to confirm that Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama (School Code ATL214F00124000) will continue on-campus instruction for Spring 2021, with instruction beginning on January 25, 2021.

Instruction will be delivered on campus through in-person instruction, hybrid instructional format, and synchronous audio visual format, with on-line and remote learning options as well.

For courses which require practicum experience, hands-on instruction, or laboratory instruction, oversight will be modified to maintain proper social distancing and follow CDC guidelines.

Samford University has filed updated Spring 2021 Operational Plans with the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) and will ensure proper adherence to SEVP requirements for enrollment at the time of SEVIS Registration for F-1 Students and validation of J-1 Students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding a student's status at SU, eligibility to enroll for Spring 2021, or validity of the I-20/DS-2019 in their possession please contact geo@samford.edu or call 205-726-2741.

Per "Clarifying Questions for Fall 2020 Based On March 9 Spring Guidance Broadcast" issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Student and Exchange Visitor Program on July 24, 2020, reprinted, electronic Forms I-20s are valid documents for purposes of visa applications and admission to the United States.

If it is after hours and this is a matter of urgency for verification by CBP at the Port of Entry, please contact Samford Police at 205-726-2020 and ask to be connected to the Global Engagement Office.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Beck". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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