

English Transcript for *Purdue University: Part 5: Additional Information & Advice*

We're here with Bryant Priester from Purdue University in west Lafayette Indiana. And we're going to wrap up our conversation today by getting some additional information and maybe a little bit of advice from Bryant. Okay. So Bryant about 17% of Purdue's undergraduate students are international. Which gives Purdue one of the largest international undergraduate populations in the US. Does the university want to see that number of international students grow shrink. Stay the same and why? >> [LAUGH] I, I think you know as we look at you know our international student enrollment at Purdue. It is as I mentioned earlier it's about balancing the facilities to services because right currently we're educating the most international full time degree seeking students in the United States. And we want to continue to offer a positive boiler maker experience for any student who decides to come study at Purdue. >> Mm-hm. >> And the enrollment numbers that we've decided upon allow for us to do that. >> Mm-hm. >> In such a large scale manner. >> Mm-hm. >> So I anticipate our numbers will remain the same. And if there's extra capacity we will welcome more international students to west Lafayette in the future so. >> We've you know made it known that this course is not going to include a financial aid component. >> Right. >> But can you briefly discuss Purdue's financial aid policy for international students? >> Absolutely. For foreign citizens. At Purdue we do not offer scholarships the first year, students are on our campus. Mainly because we're a state supported public institution. After the first year our foreign students are eligible to receive merit aid scholarship, but it will be based on their academic performance once they're on campus. And the, the aid that students can receive is, is major or school specific. and, and as I mentioned, it's small so, if a student absolutely needs, you know, financial aid or a scholarship in order to attend Purdue I tell them not to rely on that as a means of coming to Purdue. As a freshman. But in the grand scheme of things, Purdue offers many high quality, world recognized programs. And we're significantly cheaper, than many of, many other options just depending on where we are in the United States and, and, and other factors. So I tell students, look at the comprehensive cost of coming to Purdue versus your other choices before, eh, in order to make an informed decision about which will be the best for you to study. >> Mm-hm. >> So currently Purdue with everything involved, we're about \$45,000-\$48,000. And that includes tuition, room and board books. Insurance cost, everything for, for students and some students [INAUDIBLE] have determined in terms of what they can get in terms of that. And also being part of an alumni club of 425,000 alums around the world, that that's added value for them as part of you know. Graduating with a Purdue degree. >> Bryant now maybe you can share a little bit of advice based on your experience in admission. so, in, in your opinion. >> Mm-hm. >> Is there one mistake or, or common mistakes that international students make when applying to US universities? and, and if so what is that mistake and, and how would you advise that a student can fix it. >> Absolutely to use your word mistake I would say that you know, something that I've seen students do a lot is you know, when, in, in reference to questions specifically to, to me or to my staff. They will usually start with, well my friend told me. And I tell students you know, it's your job to make sure you have the most accurate information about the university that you're applying to and your friend could have been at the university. 5, 10, 15 years ago. Institutions are dynamic places, and policies change on a yearly basis. For example, our English proficiency, requirements completely changed from this year from the previous year. So, it's up to the students to make sure that they get the most accurate information, either through the website or contact us directly. Not necessarily relying, you know, on their friend, you know,

for specific policy detail about applying. Use your friend to know about other tangible, intangible [INAUDIBLE] like social life or where to eat. >> Mm-hm. >> Those sort of things, but for more policy related information, you really should contact an admissions professional. The second thing I would tell students >> Mm-hm. >> Is, do not rely on others to manage your applications. For the university. and, and in general, I really don't have a lot of sympathy for that, for students who, you know, whose application is incomplete or they didn't know that they were missing materials. Or that they, that, you know, that they needed to pay a deposit by a specific deadline. It's your application. Your name is on it, presumably. Actually its your record you should make sure you that you aware of all of the deadlines and dates and make sure that any additional information or anything that required of the application is submitted in a timely manner so those are generally the two things that i think of are very important when talking to students. Similarly >> Yeah. >> And as the final question for today. >> Okay. >> Is there one piece of advice that you would like to share with the international students, you know taking this course, or the international students who are thinking about applying to a US university. >> Absolutely. I would say that one of the beauty of being in the United States is, you know, you have 4,000 institutions of higher education to choose from. And, you know, you're given the opportunity to showcase a, a very small number [LAUGH] of those, institutions. we, every school does things slightly different, >> Mm-hm. >> Slightly differently. So, it's important to sort of. Do your homework in figuring out what is the best place for you. For example I did not do my undergraduate degree at Purdue but in the end I went to the best school that gave me the best education for what I wanted when I was in high school and that is what it's ultimately about, finding the best school for you. Because if you go to a school that you probably know more about, but they're not preparing you academically, you're not going to be you, you're not going to have that experience that's going to make successful, because that's the purpose of college is to provide you with the opportunity to participate. In any economy when you leave. So that is my advice to students, you know, go to, you know, some students, it's, it's a gut feeling. They know this is the place that I really want to be. For other students it has to be more of a strategic, data driven approach, you know, that's with the job of professionals. Admission professionals like me is to help you provide that information. You know, I will love for every student who admitted come to Purdue, but you know, in reality that's not going to happen. >> Mm-hm. >> But you know, my job is to make sure that you have all the tools necessary in order to make the most informed decision about whatever school that you want to attend. >> Well, that's, that's great advice and thank you for sharing it, and we want to thank you for taking the time to, to speak with us today and to answer all of these questions. >> Well thank you for allowing me to be here. >> And students you can find information on how to connect with Purdue University on the course site.