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# Fall 2020 Undergrad Update

June 4, 2020

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# Modified Calendar

- A hybrid Fall 2020 Semester, with in-person classroom instruction beginning **August 24** and finishing by Thanksgiving, **November 26**.
- The fall break (October 4-11) will be canceled and courses will be conducted either online or in-person, depending on the ultimate status of the scheduled U.S. Vice Presidential Debate.
- Following Thanksgiving, instruction will shift online from November 30 to December 3, with final exams held online **December 7-11**.
- This shift to all-online instruction and exams after Thanksgiving is based on the strong advice of U of U Health epidemiologists and mirrors the approach of many of our national peers.

# Class Schedule

- Guidelines for the fall semester will require some changes to assigned classrooms and student/faculty schedules.
- Preserving the in-person college experience of our first-year students and helping seniors complete their degrees are our guiding principles.
- Other courses may be offered in a hybrid (some online/some in-person) or alternating attendance format.
- Online resources and digital technology will be maximized for every course.
- Faculty will provide syllabi and regular class communications through Canvas.
- Recorded and streamed lectures through Zoom and other digital technology will be used regularly.

# Physical Distancing

- Reduced capacity in classrooms and laboratories, restricted traffic patterns in hallways and wearing of face coverings in common indoor areas, including classrooms, and when maintaining a 6-foot distance is not possible outside.
- For those who do not have a face covering, the university will provide one.
- Hand sanitizer and wipes will be provided in every classroom.
- As one would expect, these guidelines will require some changes to assigned classrooms and student/faculty schedules. We are working with space planning and the Registrar's Office to make the best use of our classrooms. Full schedules will be available in June.

# Housing

- Students will be housed in the room type they reserved, with the exception of triples/lofts. Residents will be housed with roommates as originally selected in their Housing U application.
- Move-in Day will be adjusted to occur over multiple days on **August 18, 19, and 20**. Additional instructions and move-in assignments will be shared in mid-June.
- Contract Cancellation Extension: HRE has extended the contract cancellation deadline without penalty to **June 15** so that students can evaluate their individual health and safety plan.

# Frequent, Transparent Communication

- Most up-to-date information available on the website including past webinars, FAQs and Chat: [Eccles.link/Fall2020](https://eccles.link/Fall2020)
- Weekly Webinars on Thursday from 1-2 pm through June and July
- Regular e-mail updates as announcements are made

