



Resources for Academic Instruction AY 2020-2021 and Beyond

What is the Pandemic Academic Coordination (PAC) Work Group?

The **PAC Work Group** is tasked with making recommendations for pandemic mitigations related to the academic and instructional mission of the University as we continually monitor and adjust to COVID-19 in the present moment and forward.

What is the purpose of this resource?

This resource provides the latest information regarding University of Arizona Stage 3 Instruction, Summer Academic Plans, and operational updates as we plan for increased in-person instruction in fall 2021.

Please distribute this resource to faculty, graduate teaching assistants, and academic support staff. It is also available on <https://provost.arizona.edu/content/pac>

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Spring 2021 Academic Plan Updates

Instructor Information

- Some students who have received the vaccine may experience side effects that could negatively impact class attendance and participation for a few days. We ask that you be flexible around these issues, knowing how critically important vaccination is, and realizing that some students may be hesitant to be vaccinated due to concerns about missing class.
- Review the updated [Modification to Class Absence Practices and Recommended Syllabus Language](#).
- Review [Final Exams Spring 2021 information](#).
- Study spaces for students are available in [SUMC 364](#) and in the [libraries](#).
- Review update on the [Graduate College Policy regarding graduate oral exams and defenses](#) in light of current and expected University instruction stages.
- Limited in-person and extensive remote tutoring services are available through [THINK TANK](#).
- Counseling and Psychological Services are available to students, especially during final exams, through [Campus Health](#). Support programs and counseling services for employees are available through [Life and Work Connections](#).
- [COVID-19 promotion clock delays](#) are still available and can still be submitted on-line until June 30, 2021.
- Effective immediately, domestic out-of-state travel for work purposes will be permitted with the approval of the Department Head / Chair / Director of the traveler. Approval from the Office of Research, Innovation & Impact (for research travel) and Senior Leadership will no longer be required for domestic travel. Research-related travel requires a fully approved [Phase 3 or Phase 4 checklist](#).

COVID-19 Testing Requirements, Reporting, and Vaccine Opportunities

- Use the [Instructor Reporting Tool](#) to report COVID-19 positive cases on behalf of a student.
- Campus Health created a [Student Vaccination page](#) to help students learn more about their options for getting the vaccine this spring.
- Please do not ask students about their vaccination status. Vaccination status cannot be used to limit student involvement in any academic or experiential activity.
- Starting on May 3, all vaccinations will take place in the university's Ina E. Gittings Building, where a sit-down clinic has been operational since January. May 2 will be the last day for the drive-thru site on the University of Arizona Mall.
- Visit podvaccine.azdhs.gov to register for a vaccination appointment for yourself. You can also call **844-542-8201** or **602-542-1000**, assistance is available in English or Spanish. Walk-ins (no appointment necessary) are available at the UA POD between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily.
- [Upload your vaccination record](#) if you are already vaccinated to Campus Health.
- UA vaccination POD is recruiting both medical and non-medical volunteers to help staff the vaccination sites. Please complete the UAArizona vaccination POD [volunteer form](#).

Commencement

- The university will celebrate the Class of 2021 with a series of in-person ceremonies between May 11 and May 18. After such a challenging year, we could not be happier for our graduating students, as they safely gather in-person with family, friends, and classmates. Visit the [Commencement website](#) for more information about this year's events.
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Summer 2021 Academic Plans

Instructor Information

- At this time, in-person classes scheduled for Summer 2021 are permitted to have a maximum of 100 individuals and to follow other guidelines for Stage 3 instruction.
- [The Albert B. Weaver Science-Engineering Library](#) will remain open through summer to support students and faculty.
- Review the guidelines for [Credit Bearing Instructional Field Trips and Off-Campus Activities](#).
- Review the guidelines for [Experiential Learning](#).
- Guidelines for summer programs operated by other units/colleges and/or in other locations are under development and will be shared in a future newsletter.

Employee Information

- Starting May 17, 2021, units that are not already engaged in on-campus work may begin to transition back if they are able to meet the University's [safety protocols](#).
- Review the [Guidance on Return to In-Person Work](#).
- Supervisors and employees should consult [Human Resources COVID-19 Guidance](#) to find resources for transitioning back to campus. Please contact Human Resources with any questions.
- Employees who have a disability-related need for [workplace accommodations](#) based on their own disability or medical condition should be referred to the [Disability Resource Center](#).

COVID-19 Testing Requirements

- [Mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing](#) for students who are regularly on campus will continue throughout the summer.
- All students enrolled in in-person or flex in-person coursework on the Tucson Main Campus (including UAHS) will receive an email outlining mandatory weekly testing expectations, which includes a testing exemption for fully vaccinated students.
- If you are teaching in-person, or regularly visiting Main Campus for any reason, you should also adhere to [mandatory employee testing](#), or [upload your vaccine document](#) for a testing exemption.

Fall 2021 Academic Plans

Instructor Information

- We plan to return most courses to in-person formats in the Fall if public health outlook remains strong. We will continue to provide quality instruction via Arizona Online and iCourse formats where they best fit individual academic programs.
- Additional updates and information on the enrollment process for fall classes are available on the [Office of the Registrar website](#).

Advisor Information

- During advising appointments, advisors should communicate to students the importance and necessity of reviewing course plans and format before enrollment. This is to ensure that students who sign up for In-Person courses are committed to attending those classes in person.
- The Fall 2021 SALT (Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques) Center [APPLICATION](#) is now available to prospective students.

Instructional Overview by Term

This table describes the details of our instructional activities and highlights key features, as well as changes on the instruction stage.

	SPRING 2021	SUMMER 2021	FALL 2021
INSTRUCTION STAGE	<p>Stage 3 Instructional Mode: Larger In-Person courses. Up to 100 students in-person and flex in-person.</p>	<p>No change from Spring 2021</p>	<p>Stage 4 Instructional Mode: Regular instruction</p>
PHYSICAL DISTANCING	<p>Centrally-scheduled classrooms typically have layouts with ~5-foot spacing between students. Current classroom layouts can be found at ctsrooms.arizona.edu</p>	<p>No change from Spring 2021</p>	<p>Centrally-scheduled classrooms typically have layouts with ~3-foot spacing between students</p>



CLASSROOM OCCUPANCY	Reduced density occupancies established for centrally-scheduled classrooms, based on 36 sq ft per person	No change from Spring 2021	New occupancies established for centrally-scheduled classrooms, based on 19 sq ft per person, for this semester onward
FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS	Required on campus indoors, and outdoors where 6 ft distancing is not possible	No change from Spring 2021	UPDATED Will comply with CDC guidelines.
CLASSROOM CLEANING PROTOCOLS	Enhanced cleaning by <u>Facilities Management Custodial Services</u> , disinfectant spray, and paper towels available in room for students and instructors to wipe down station at the start of class	No change from Spring 2021	TBA. Check <u>Facilities Management Custodial Services</u> for the latest updates.
MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE FOR IN-PERSON COMPONENTS	100	100	Determined by classroom capacity
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING SPACES (CLS)	Student seating one person per table, no small whiteboards, students face the same direction	No change from Spring 2021	Re-establish to original collaborative classroom layouts
CLASS MODALITIES	Four class modalities available: in-person, flex in-person, live online, and iCourse. Class modalities are described in detail at <u>teachingmodels.arizona.edu</u>	No change from Spring 2021	Plan to offer most courses on Main Campus in fully in-person formats, with some courses offered as flex in-person, live online, and iCourse.
CLASS MODALITY CHANGES	No changes in class modalities once students are enrolled. If change is	No change from Spring 2021	No change from Spring 2021



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DEPARTMENTALLY-CONTROLLED CLASSROOMS/MEETING SPACE OCCUPANCY	Recommend capacities set according to 36 sq ft per person, up to the maximum capacity of the room. Room details, including square footage, can be found at UA Interactive Floor Plans .	No change from Spring 2021	Recommend capacities set according to 19 sq ft per person, up to the maximum capacity of the room.
GATHERING SIZE LIMITS	UPDATED Gatherings are limited to 100 people indoors, or 200 people outdoors. Exceptions must be approved through the events committee .	No change from Spring 2021	TBA. Check the Events & Gathering page for the latest updates.

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