



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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Fall 2021 Academic Plans

Instructor Information

- Updates and information for fall 2021 classes are available on the [Office of the Registrar website](#)
- Adhere to the class instruction mode published in the [Schedule of Classes](#). Instruction must be delivered in the modality students selected when they signed up for classes.
- Review the updated [Class Absence Practices and Recommended Syllabus Language](#).
- Contact [Classroom Technology Services](#) (CTS) to review the central classrooms, the setup, and the technology.
- Ensure that the curriculum plans support [timely feedback and grading](#) on all submitted work, such as assignments, projects, and exams, to facilitate student success.
- Enter all final grades for the semester into UAccess by the issued deadlines for the semester, and consult the [Configure your Gradebook page](#) for information on how to set up D2L grade books.
- Off-campus experiential learning activities and credit-bearing field trips may proceed as normal.
- [Disability Resource Center](#) (DRC) staff are available to facilitate access to courses and campus events for disabled students. Class-related testing will be open with a reduced capacity for proctoring in-person exams when accommodations cannot be provided by the instructor. For instructors who are unable to return to the in-person instructional environment because of COVID-19, please [contact DRC](#).
- The [Pandemic Academic Coordination](#) (PAC) workgroup will be giving an information session for Deans, Department Heads/Chairs/Directors to assist in planning for Fall 2021 teaching on July 22, 2021. Registration and recording are available on the [PAC's website](#).
- The [Office of Instruction and Assessment](#) (OIA) and the Collaborative and Academic Technologies teams have partnered together to offer a series of webinars on UArizona technologies such as Zoom, Panopto, TurningPoint, and Qualtrics. Visit [Webinar Descriptions and Registration Information](#).
- Review update on the [Graduate College Policy regarding graduate oral exams and defenses](#) for Fall 2021.
- New FERPA training will be required for all instructors and instructional support staff via [Edge Learning](#).
- Review [Research Restart Plan](#).

Instructional Support Resources

- [THINK TANK](#) offers all [academic support services](#) at the Bartlett Academic Success Center, Global Center, Rec Center in both formats, in-person and online. Services include Content Drop-in Tutoring (Math, Business, Science, Stats, Language), Writing Center (Appointments and Feedback Loop), Academic Skills Tutoring, Academic Skills, and Writing Workshops, Exam Prep, and Academic Coaching.
- The Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques Center (SALT) offers comprehensive [academic support services](#) to students who learn differently, including weekly meetings with a Student Support Specialist, content-specific tutoring, and educational technology.



- The [University Libraries](#) are reopening in August to provide in-person and online library expertise, services, and resources.
 - Starting August 2, Main Library and the Weaver Science-Engineering Library will be open to everyone, including the public.
 - Health Sciences Library is open to Health Sciences affiliates with a CatCard. Beginning in August, the library will reopen to all University users, including the public.
 - Faculty, staff, and students can visit Special Collections [by appointment](#) Monday through Friday. Appointments will be available to the public starting Aug. 2. [Class instruction requests](#) can be submitted. Fall hours starting Aug. 23 will be posted soon.
 - [Summer hours](#) will continue through August 22.
 - Starting August 23, Main and Weaver Libraries hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 am-midnight; Friday, 7 am-6 pm; Saturday, 11 am-6 pm; Sunday, 1 pm-midnight. CatCard access only after 9 pm.

Travel Updates

- Domestic out-of-state travel for work purposes is permitted with the approval of the department or school's head/chair/director in accordance with the [Coronavirus Travel Authorization policy](#).
- For international travel, continue to follow the guidelines available at [International Travel | Arizona Global](#).

COVID-19 Mitigations Updates

- Review the latest update on the University [face coverings guidance](#).
- Weekly COVID-19 testing is no longer mandatory for any students or employees. However, the University will continue to offer voluntary, free, and convenient COVID-19 testing on Main Campus. Please visit the [COVID-19 testing page](#) for more information. In the event of a significant COVID-19 outbreak in a shared student housing setting, the University may require students and/or employees to comply with mandatory COVID-19 testing. Before implementing this requirement, the University will receive approval from the Arizona Department of Health Services.
- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and our best shot at getting back to normal. The University is not requiring students, faculty, or staff to get vaccinated. However, the University strongly encourages vaccination to protect yourself and the community.
- [Uploading your vaccine document](#) will help the University track our progress towards campus immunity. Students and employees who have uploaded their vaccine documents will be automatically entered for a chance to receive a number of exciting [incentives](#)!
- All University students and benefits-eligible employees can be seen for vaccination at Campus Health. Students and employees can call **520-621-9202** to schedule an appointment. For more information, visit health.arizona.edu/covidvaccine.
- DCCs and non-affiliated family members of employees are not eligible to receive their vaccines at Campus Health. If you're in Tucson, you can receive your vaccine at [several locations](#) across Pima County. If you're outside of Tucson, check [VaccineFinder](#) for availability in your area.



- Remember that we are not permitted to ask students about their vaccination status. Vaccination status does not serve as a basis to limit student involvement in any academic activity.
- Use the [Instructor Reporting Tool](#) to report COVID-19 positive cases on behalf of a student.
- Employees, students, and designated campus colleagues are no longer required to perform a daily wellness check via the Wildcat WellCheck program each day before they are on a University of Arizona campus or begin campus-based activities.

Employee Information

- Review [Human Resources COVID-19 Guidance](#) for transitioning back to campus. Contact Human Resources with any questions.
- Review [Out-of-State Domestic Work Arrangement Guidelines](#).
- Employees who have a disability-related need for [workplace accommodations](#) based on their own disability or medical condition should contact the [Disability Resource Center](#).

Advisor Information

- During advising appointments, advisors should communicate to students the importance and necessity of reviewing course plans and formats before enrollment. This is to ensure that students who sign up for In-Person courses are committed to attending those classes in person.
- The International Student Services team updated new 2021-22 immigration guidance on 7/6/21 regarding Full-Time Enrollment, Continuing Students on Main Campus Outside the U.S., and Visa & Entry to the U.S. Please refer to the [ISS webpage](#) for the most current news and information.

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.

	Fall 2021
INSTRUCTION STAGE	Stage 4 Instructional Mode: Regular instruction
PHYSICAL DISTANCING	Centrally scheduled classrooms typically have layouts with ~3 foot spacing between students. Standard layouts are posted on the CTS website .
CLASSROOM OCCUPANCY	New occupancies were established for centrally-scheduled classrooms, based on 19 sq ft per person, for this semester onward. Lecture halls will return to pre-pandemic capacities.
FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS	Please review the University Face Coverings Guidelines Please review the current CDC guidance on the use of masks
CLASSROOM CLEANING PROTOCOLS	Check Facilities Management Custodial Services for the latest updates



MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE FOR IN-PERSON COMPONENTS	Determined by classroom instructional capacity
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING SPACES (CLS)	Re-establish to original collaborative classroom layouts
CLASS MODALITIES	Will offer most courses on Main Campus in fully in-person formats, with some courses offered as flex in-person, live online, and iCourse. Class modalities are described in detail at teachingmodels.arizona.edu
CLASS MODALITY CHANGES	No changes in class modalities once students are enrolled. If change is needed, new section(s) will need to be created
DEPARTMENTALLY-CONTROLLED CLASSROOMS/MEETING SPACE OCCUPANCY	Review the Department Classroom Guidance . Room details, including square footage, can be found at UA Interactive Floor Plans
GATHERING SIZE LIMITS	No limits for gatherings and events. Check the Events & Gathering page for the latest updates

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