

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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Stage 3 Instruction Updates

Beginning March 29, 2021, we transitioned to [Stage 3 Instruction](#), which allows for in-person learning of up to 100 individuals. It is tremendously important that we continue to follow the [University's hierarchy of controls](#), including adherence to physical distancing, mask wearing in the classroom and on campus, and mandatory COVID-19 testing for our [students](#) and [employees](#).



Instructor Information

- The Pandemic Academic Coordination (PAC) work group held an information session covering Stage 3 Instruction on March 25. Please visit the [PAC website](#) to view the presentation.
- Review the updated [Modification to Class Absence Practices and Recommended Syllabus Language](#).
- If a student has signed up for an in-person Stage 3 class but reports that they are unable to attend class in person for any reason, direct them to your standard practices for remote instruction supports, such as those provided for students who miss classes because they are unwell.
- Given the increase in comfort with remote teaching and the importance of documenting student experiences in courses, we will return to regular procedures for collecting Student Course Surveys (SCS) for all instructors this spring. Instructors should work with their departmental administrators to ensure that SCS are ordered appropriately for courses. To learn more about the student course surveys, including the core items, adding questions, and deadlines for ordering, see the [Student Course Survey website](#). For questions, please contact Becky Pérez in the Office of Instruction and Assessment, rperez@arizona.edu (link sends e-mail).
- Review the guidelines for [Credit Bearing Instructional Field Trips and Off-Campus Activities](#).
- Check the [Instructor FAQ](#) for guidance on other issues that may arise in the classroom.

Classroom Information

- Information on [classroom occupancy limits](#) is available online. Please contact [Classroom Technology Services](#) (CTS) to review the classrooms, the setup, and the technology.

COVID-19 Testing Requirements, Reporting, and Vaccine Opportunities

- [Mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing](#) for those who are regularly on campus will continue throughout the summer, other than for those who have been exempted because they are 2 weeks past vaccinated or are within 90 days of infection.
- Review the information regarding [student COVID-19 testing compliance](#). The Testing Team has made tremendous improvements in the testing process and has implemented text notifications and an incentive program to boost compliance. We will enforce student testing compliance through UAWiFi access on Main Campus.
- Use the [Instructor Reporting Tool](#) to report COVID-19 positive cases on behalf of a student.
- Anyone 16 years of age and older can register for a vaccination appointment at state sites, such as the UA Vaccine Point of Distribution. This includes all UA students living in Arizona, including out-of-state students and international students. Instructors are strongly encouraged to register to receive vaccination at podvaccine.azdhs.gov. If you do not have computer access or need help registering, please call 602-542-1000 for assistance in English.
- Encourage your students to register for vaccination. Our goal for every student to be vaccinated before the end of the Spring semester. To be fully vaccinated by the start of finals, students need to receive their first dose by April 16.



Summer 2021 Academic Plans

- We anticipate approximately 4,000 students will be enrolled in on-campus classes during Summer 2021, based on prior-year data.
- At this time, in-person classes scheduled for Summer 2021 are permitted to have a maximum of 100 individuals.
- [The Albert B. Weaver Science-Engineering Library](#) will remain open through summer to support students and faculty.
- Undergraduate New Student Orientation sessions will be delivered remotely during Summer 2021.
- Guidelines for on-campus summer day camps and summer residential camps operated by the Campus Recreation and Housing & Residential Life have been approved, and enrollment will be possible shortly.
- 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.
- We will celebrate the Class of 2021 with a series of in-person ceremonies between May 11 and May 18. Check the [Commencement website](#) for the most recent updates.

Fall 2021 Academic Plans

- PAC hosted an information session on March 11 for Department Heads to assist in planning for Fall 2021 Academic Plans. [WATCH](#) the recording and [VIEW](#) the presentation materials.
- Registration for Fall 2021 classes started on April 5. There is a great deal we do not know about what Fall will look like, but we hope the decrease in infections and increase in immunization rate will allow us to operate mostly in person. All the main-campus course modalities (in-person, flex in-person, live online, and iCourses) will be available for fall courses, and the [Schedule of Classes](#) lists the modality in which each class is offered so students can plan appropriately. As we learn more about what lies in store for teaching and learning, we will communicate with you.

Instructional Overview by Term

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

	SPRING 2021	SUMMER 2021	FALL 2021
INSTRUCTION STAGE	Stage 3 Instructional Mode: Larger In-Person courses. Up to 100	Stage 3 Instructional Mode: Larger In-Person courses. Up to 100	Stage 4 Instructional Mode: Regular instruction



	SPRING 2021	SUMMER 2021	FALL 2021
	students in-person and flex in-person.	students in-person and flex in-person.	
PHYSICAL DISTANCING	Centrally-scheduled classrooms typically have layouts with ~5-foot spacing between students. Current classroom layouts can be found at ctsrooms.arizona.edu	No change from Spring 2021	Centrally-scheduled classrooms typically have layouts with ~3-foot spacing between students
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	No change planned from Spring 2021
CLASSROOM CLEANING PROTOCOLS	Enhanced cleaning by Facilities Management Custodial Services , 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 Facilities Management Custodial Services 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,	No change from Spring 2021	Re-establish to original collaborative classroom layouts



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	students face the same direction		
CLASS MODALITIES	Four class modalities available: in-person, flex in-person, live online, and iCourse. Class modalities are described in detail at teachingmodels.arizona.edu	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 needed, new section(s) will need to be created	No change from Spring 2021	No change from Spring 2021
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	Gatherings are limited to 25 people indoor, or 50 people outdoor. Exceptions must be approved through the events committee	No change from Spring 2021	TBA. Check the Events & Gathering page for the latest updates.