

Will classes continue to meet?

Classes may be cancelled or moved to remote teaching. Class cancellations and remote teaching plans will be announced on the university homepage. Faculty teaching remotely will adapt their courses for this type of remote delivery. These adaptations may result in changes to course requirements, assignments, and examinations. If you have any questions about a specific course, please contact your instructor.

What do you mean by “remote delivery?”

We expect that faculty will adapt their courses in a variety of ways. Faculty may choose asynchronous techniques, recording presentations for playback by students, creating interactive assignments, providing readings, asking for writing assignments, etc. Faculty can also choose a synchronous technique, for example, to hold a virtual class session during the regular class meeting time, using Blackboard Collaborate (supported by DoIT) or other tools the faculty member is accustomed to using.

We are asking all faculty members to communicate their expectations, and update their syllabi, to reflect the transition to remote delivery.

What should I do if I do not have access to electronic devices and/or internet for classes?

Contact your instructor immediately. The Provost’s Office will be arranging support.

Will my course still meet during the originally scheduled time?

The course may continue to meet during the scheduled time... or may be structured for asynchronous delivery, i.e., so that you may access it at your convenience. Faculty will determine how their courses will be taught remotely and let you know the format and expectations of the remote teaching. If you have any questions about a specific course, please contact your instructor.

What if I do not have my books?

We are asking faculty to post chapters as needed on Blackboard or find alternative open educational resources for students to access. Students who are within a reasonable distance of the university are encouraged to get their notes and books from their Columbia residence. Students are allowed to enter residence halls to collect their belongings needed for class.

What if I am registered for a science lab and the class no longer meets in the lab?

Faculty are working to determine how courses can be meaningfully completed remotely. Should there be components of the class that simply cannot be done this way, we are working on alternate arrangements. For questions about specific courses, you should contact the instructor of the course.

Will we have to make up the time missed due to cancelled classes?

Yes, the time will have to be made up for any class cancellations.

How will I access my academic support if I am not on campus?

The Student Success Center will be going virtual for both tutoring and supplemental instruction. See the drop down for academic support on the [COVID-19: Campus Access and Student Resources page](#).

Who should I contact if I have questions about a course?

For questions related to any specific course, please contact the course instructor.

Are there different academic integrity expectations for remotely delivered content?

In general, the academic integrity expectations of in-person learning transfers to remotely delivered content. Please be sure to follow your faculty members' expectations regarding academic honesty, testing, reposting online course content, or recording course materials.

What should I do if I need technical assistance for using Blackboard?

For technical help with Blackboard, contact the DoIT [Service Desk](#) (or at 803-777-1800).

Will accommodations be available remotely?

Yes, the [Student Disability Resource Center](#) (SDRC) will be available to ensure that students with accommodations are able to engage with their courses and related assignments and are being proactive in reaching out to faculty. If you need accommodations, register with the SDRC to receive accommodations. The SDRC will contact faculty who have students registered with disabilities to help make sure the remotely delivered course is accessible.

What about my on-campus independent study?

On-campus experiences like these will be transitioned to a remote format; work with your independent study instructor to develop plans. Lab-based independent studies may transition to literature reviews, data analysis, or other options that can be completed at a distance.

Will this situation affect my academic progress?

We are committed to ensuring you can complete the semester and fulfill your academic requirements.

Where can I find tips for students about how to be successful in remote/online instruction?

Tips and other resources for students are available under "Resources to Share with Students" on the go.sc.edu/keep-teaching site.

Is study abroad being canceled?

Some study abroad/away programs have been closed because of local health and security concerns. The [Study Abroad Office](#) provides specific guidance.

Can students opt out of remote learning and take an Incomplete?

Faculty may allow students to take an Incomplete and help the student complete the course in the coming months. An Incomplete does not incur a charge for taking the course again, but students must complete the course within one year. Contact your instructor if you are interested in doing so.

Can students opt to take the course another semester without charge?

No.

Can students switch to a Pass/Fail instead of a grade?

An undergraduate student may request the Pass/Fail option of this [form](#) which then must be approved by the advisor and academic Dean and they may request this up to the W date of a term (which has been extended to 4/6/202 for the full spring semester). Please note that the Pass-Fail option can only be used on free electives and not for the major, do not count towards the hours for President's/Dean's list (See [grading policies](#)), and a Pass grade is not calculated into the GPA. Because of these aspects of the Pass/Fail option, there are scholarship/fellowship implications and students considering this option should check with the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarship for details.

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Graduate students normally must request the Pass/Fail option prior to registration. Because of the unusual circumstance, the Graduate School will approve requests up to the W date of a term (which has been extended to 4/6/202 for the full spring semester). However, note that [the restrictions on Pass/Fail grading](#) published in the Graduate Bulletin are applicable: the content must be outside the student's major area or student and not on the program of study. In addition, many graduate courses only allow standard grading. Note that a pass/fail grade should reflect that the student must have a grade of C or higher for graduate credit.

Can students receive a refund for their courses?

It is past the tuition refunds deadline for this full term. We do not anticipate tuition and fees to be refunded at this time due to continuity of academic programs.

What about final exams?

We will send additional guidance to faculty and students about the final examination processes should the remote teaching period extend into Finals Week.

How will advising be handled?

Your academic advisor will be reaching out to you to advise remotely.

Will registration be affected?

We do not expect that registration for summer or fall courses will be affected at this time.