

Notice re: Fall 2020

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Dear Students,

Good afternoon. We hope that you and your loved ones continue to stay safe and healthy, and that this message finds you in the best possible circumstances.

We are writing to you today regarding the Fall 2020 semester. Though we have not yet concluded how Fall courses will be offered (that is to say, whether they will be in-person, online-only, or some hybrid form), we are working diligently to devise a system that will ensure not only the physical safety of our student body, but also the best possible educational outcomes. We do wish to advise you that our hope, should LA County permit it, is to be able to offer safe, socially-distanced, in-person classes in some capacity.

In working towards this goal, it is important that we notify you of the following for the 2020-21 academic year:

- Though we aim to inform you of the nature of Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters' instruction format (e.g., in-person, online-only, or some hybrid format) in a timely manner, the fluid nature of this public health crisis may necessitate swift changes in instructional modalities (e.g., courses offered in-person may indeed need to switch to remote learning on short notice if the University deems it necessary for safety and health-related reasons).
- Whatever the mode of instruction may be, the university will continue to operate in full measure to ensure the continuity and quality of your education. Every modality requires specific pedagogical and technical resources. As a result, tuition and mandatory fees have been set for the 2020-21 academic year and will remain fixed regardless of the circumstances in the Fall; no refund will be offered for tuition or fees.

We hope that these broader points will aid you in preparing for the upcoming year. Please be on the lookout for more specific updates regarding the Fall 2020 semester.

Sincerely,

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