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University of Dubuque will continue with its regular academic calendar for spring 2021. Classes will be offered in the same format as fall 2020 to allow for flexibility and face coverings will continue to be required in all campus buildings. At UD, we believe students learn best in person and our brains require healthy social interaction.

Traditional undergraduate spring classes will begin Monday, January 11, 2021. Classes will not be held on President's Day (Monday, February 15, 2021), during Spring Break (Monday, March 1, 2021, through Friday, March 5, 2021), and on Easter Break (Friday, April 2, 2021). LIFE classes will begin the week of January 5, 2021.

UD's COVID-19 operational protocols to help ensure a safe and supportive environment will continue to be implemented both on campus and at LIFE sites. Those protocols were developed based upon guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and other national, state, and local agencies. Protocols will be redefined as information and understanding of COVID-19 evolves. To find the most up-to-date information, please visit www.dbq.edu.

Our Ongoing Response to COVID-19

The efforts of students, faculty, and staff to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 must continue this spring to help maintain our entire campus community's health and well-being, including the more vulnerable members of our University family. The following are some of the strategies implemented at UD for the fall semester that will continue into the spring semester:

- Capacity levels of every learning space on campus and at LIFE sites were updated.
- Courses were evaluated to determine the appropriate tools needed to provide a safe and engaging in-person learning environment.
- Policies were developed for students, faculty, and staff that addressed health concerns that might require flexibility in how or where learning took place.
- New protocols were implemented for in-person classroom learning such as requiring face coverings in classrooms and lab spaces.
- Increased cleaning procedures were implemented in all campus buildings and gathering spaces.
- Signs were placed around campus to remind the campus community and visitors of health and safety protocols to follow including UD's mantra to help mitigate the spread of the virus: *Practice common sense - good hygiene, social distancing, and wear a face covering for yourself and for others*. Each of us will continue to play an important role in practicing this mantra to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Students were required to complete the COVID-19 Health Assessment survey before fall semester. All students will be required to complete this assessment, which will be sent to their university email after January 1, 2021, before they return for spring semester.

UD MANTRA: PRACTICE COMMON SENSE



GOOD HYGIENE



SOCIAL DISTANCING



FACE COVERING

Our COVID-19 Testing

The University will continue its partnerships with Education Test Iowa and The Ohio State University to implement COVID-19 testing on campus allowing us to continue to track infection rates and implement additional mitigation strategies through proper isolation and quarantine protocols.

As they did in the fall, students, faculty, and staff will be able to view on-campus testing dates and times on MyUD. In addition, the Smeltzer-Kelly Student Health Center will continue to provide testing specifically for students Tuesdays through Fridays at varying times. Lastly, random/surveillance testing of student-athletes will occur throughout the academic year. Please report your COVID-19 test results. For a list of who to contact, visit www.dbq.edu/COVID-19.

The University encourages everyone to get tested before returning for spring semester. Some individuals who test positive for COVID-19 have mild or no symptoms. Getting tested prior to returning to campus is an extra mitigation strategy for the health and safety of the entire UD community. In addition to encouraging testing before spring semester, the University plans to provide additional testing opportunities for students, faculty, and staff on campus the first three days of spring semester classes.

Total verified active cases among students and employees are reported at approximately noon every Friday at www.dbq.edu/COVID-19. Active cases, which include results of tests on campus and those self-reported, are individuals who are in isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test result.

Our Five Areas of Focus for Spring



ACADEMICS



RESIDENCE LIFE



FOOD SERVICE



INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS



HEALTH OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY



ACADEMICS

Spring 2021 classes will continue to be offered in the same format as fall 2020 with in-person/synchronous and remote/synchronous attendance options that depend on students' particular situations.

OPTION 1: IN-PERSON/SYNCHRONOUS ATTENDANCE

This option will continue to allow students to participate in each class at its scheduled time. Maintaining the discipline of scheduled in-person interaction with synchronous options provides an environment conducive to academic success. UD encourages students to be on campus this spring to take advantage of this environment.

OPTION 2: REMOTE/SYNCHRONOUS ATTENDANCE

Some students may not be able to attend in-person classes. These students may request to attend classes in a fully remote format. Please know that some programs, such as aviation and nursing, and some courses, such as science labs, cannot be completed through remote attendance. Students should talk with their academic advisor about this option. The Office of Academic Advising (KSchroeder@dbq.edu) is also happy to assist students who are considering the remote/synchronous attendance option.

The request form for remote attendance is available on the MyUD Students tab under Forms. Students should only complete the request form after they have spoken with their academic advisor and have registered for courses.

MAY TERM AND SUMMER SESSIONS

Beginning in 2021, UD will offer a May Term. This optional term allows for intensive study over a three-week period, from Tuesday, May 4, 2021, through Friday, May 21, 2021. Returning students will recognize this format as the same as the January Term format offered in previous years. May Term is designed for in-person classes. A maximum of 3 credit hours may be taken in May term.

UD will also offer a series of Summer Sessions.

In-Person Classes:

- Session I: Monday, May 24, 2021, through Friday, June 18, 2021
- Session II: Monday, June 21, 2021, through Friday, July 16, 2021

Online Classes:

- Start Date I: Monday, May 24, 2021, through Friday, July 16, 2021
- Start Date II: Monday, June 7, 2021, through Thursday, July 29, 2021

A schedule of available classes in May Term and Summer Sessions is available on MyUD.



RESIDENCE LIFE

The Office of Residence Life is committed to the safety and security of every student who has decided to call UD home. The health and safety protocols that were in place for fall will continue for spring.

FAMILY UNIT, FACE COVERINGS, AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Roommates and suitemates are considered a family unit and, as such, students will not be asked to wear face coverings within their rooms. However, face coverings will continue to be necessary in all campus buildings including all areas of residence halls outside of bedrooms or family units, classrooms, and common areas. Students will be asked to continue to practice social distancing in common areas and hallways. There are disciplinary measures for students not abiding to this policy.

GUESTS AND VISITORS

Only residents of each residence hall or building are allowed in that residence hall or building. Additionally, residents of residence halls or buildings are not allowed on any floor or in any POD, apartment, or house that is not their floor, POD, apartment, or house. UD will continue to not allow outside guests or visitors. There are disciplinary measures for students not abiding to this policy.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AND DISINFECTION PRACTICES

UD will continue to implement increased cleaning and disinfecting practices on high use surfaces and in high traffic areas. This includes cleaning and disinfecting common areas, communal restrooms, and lounges. UD encourages students to wash face coverings and bedding regularly.



FOOD SERVICE

Aladdin, our food service partner, will continue to implement general health guidelines in Barbara and Jack Smeltzer Dining Hall, CyberCafé, and the Health Bar in the Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center.

Requirements for social distancing for seating, serving, and line up will continue. Depending on their particular task, food service employees will continue to be required to wear face coverings and gloves, and there will be increased cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of all surfaces.



INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The Department of Athletics' commitment to safety protocols for our student-athletes will continue for the winter and spring seasons.

At this time, with guidance from the NCAA and American Rivers Conference, in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as federal and state health officials, UD plans to hold competitions for the following sports:

Winter Sports

- Indoor Track and Field
- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- Wrestling

Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Men's Lacrosse
- Outdoor Track and Field
- Softball

Fall Sports That Were Moved to Spring

- Football
- Men's Soccer
- Volleyball
- Women's Soccer

All student-athletes, coaches, trainers, and other athletic staff will continue to receive additional education and training on safety and minimizing the risk of infection. In addition, the following protocols will remain in place:

- Student-athletes will be screened for infection each day during their sport's season. Any student-athlete showing symptoms will be quarantined in order to protect teammates and staff.
- All student-athletes and staff members are expected to follow University guidelines and protocols for proper hygiene including washing hands and using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- All eligible student-athletes will be tested for COVID-19 upon return from winter break.
- Weekly testing will be completed based on the NCAA and American Rivers Conference guidelines for competition.
- Increased cleaning and disinfecting practices will occur on high use surfaces and in high traffic areas including locker rooms, weight rooms, and other athletic facilities.
- When appropriate, athletics staff will utilize video conferencing or other communication methods for team meetings.



HEALTH OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Each and every person on campus and at LIFE sites can do their part to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

HEALTH REMINDERS

- Check your temperature and evaluate for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 daily before coming to campus or leaving your residence hall. If your temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher, stay home or in your residence hall. For a list of who to contact, visit www.dbq.edu/COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue whenever you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

SMELTZER-KELLY STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The Smeltzer-Kelly Student Health Center opened in the fall and is a valuable resource for students' physical and brain health needs. The center is staffed with health professionals who provide personalized, quality health care for all our students. This new facility complements our existing relationship with UnityPoint Health-Finley Hospital. The center is conveniently located on campus at 1994 Grace Street and has the following hours of operation:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



University of Dubuque continues to remain focused on maintaining a safe and healthy campus. We encourage students and families to monitor the University's website for regular updates. The spring semester will be different in ways we can't completely anticipate, but we are confident that we will, nevertheless, be together. We're all committed to continuing to practice UD's mantra: *Practice Common Sense – good hygiene, social distancing, and wear a face covering for yourself and for others.*

We look forward to seeing a busy campus community this spring.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit www.dbq.edu/COVID-19

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