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Dear Washington University students,

You are receiving this email because of your relationship to University College. You may be registered to take one or more fall courses, you may have taken a course recently, or you may have been admitted to a certificate or degree program.

Earlier this morning, Chancellor Martin made an announcement about the university's plans for fall courses. I am writing to update you about how University College will operate this fall, aligning to the plan that the chancellor described.

All University College courses will be offered online for the fall semester. There may be a few courses that will also require limited contact in person (such as the organic chemistry lab), but the vast majority will occur online only.

University College has a long tradition of delivering quality online courses. Our faculty and staff have worked hard all summer, training for a fully online semester. Our reformatted courses will make use of digital technology, add convenience, and decrease Covid-19 exposure risk. Courses will mostly be asynchronous—meaning that there is no official class meeting time, and you can work at the time of day that suits your schedule, while maintaining a high degree of engagement with your instructor and fellow students. Some courses will have synchronous components, allowing classes to meet together online for presentations and discussions. Required meeting times for synchronous courses are listed on [our course registration site](#), which we will continue to update through August 5th.

As a reminder, University College classes begin September 14 and end December 18 this fall, with exams finishing by December 22. We do not yet have confirmation of our spring 2021 format, but we anticipate that there will be significant online components then, as well. We will provide more information on that soon.

University College is here to support you with easy access to online advising and support. You can connect with Disability Resources and the Writing Center through email or virtual consultation. You can access 24/7 Canvas support, live chat with a librarian, and log in to the Career Center to explore tools and resources.

Students will need internet access and a computer with a webcam and a microphone for the fall

semester. If you are concerned that you do not have appropriate equipment, please [contact an academic advisor](#).

I recognize that this way of operating may be a big shift for you. However, I think our faculty and staff have done a fantastic job translating our courses into an online format, building on our history of creating online courses for over a decade now. If we can do anything to make this easier for you, please be in touch, either by responding to this email, or by contacting an advisor or instructor at UCollege. I hope that this email will come as good news, and encourage you to sign up for a course or two, if you have not done so already.

All the
best,

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