

Academic Year (AY) 2020 – 2021

Compendium of Guidelines and Policies

INTRODUCTION

The following special academic guidelines will apply for Fall Semester 2020. All other provisions in the Undergraduate Academic Code remain in effect for this period.

1.0 Academic Calendar

Important changes have been made to the start and end dates for Fall Semester 2020. Additional information regarding Spring 2021 will be posted on the Registrar's Office website in the weeks ahead.

2.0 Excused Absences from Classes

The policies governing excused absences contained in Section 3.1.3 of the Undergraduate Academic Code remain in force. The frequency of University excused absences for athletic competition (3.1.3.1) may increase. The Faculty Board on Athletics will continue to work with Academic Services for Student-Athletes to monitor these absences. ROTC cadets and students in the military may have modified training schedules (3.1.3.6) requiring official excused absences. The Vice President and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs will help facilitate these requests.

3.0 Expectation for In-Person Residential Learning

The University will resume regular operation in Fall 2020. All students will be expected to conform to instructional norms for in-person instruction, in accordance with this Compendium's guidelines and those articulated in the *Undergraduate Academic Code*.

4.0 Academic Provisions and Accommodations

International students seeking *academic accommodations* or other *provisions* to foster continuing academic engagement in Fall 2020 should follow the procedures developed by Notre Dame International. Domestic students seeking academic accommodations should adhere to the process managed by the Sara Bea Accessibility Services office (see [here](#)).

5.0 Fall 2020 COVID-Related Leave Of Absence (CRLOA) Policy

Active students who do not continue enrollment at the University in Fall 2020 will be eligible to apply for a COVID-Related Personal Leave of Absence (CRLOA). Pre-approval for transfer credit earned at institutions other than Notre Dame while on leave will only be granted in those instances where, in the sole judgment of the dean or dean's designee, such coursework is necessary for academic continuity (e.g., to maintain proficiency in a language, mathematics, or other discipline involving sequentially arranged classes). The transfer of credits is subject to Section 5.4.3 of the Undergraduate Academic Code, the rules

of the degree-granting college, and in no instance shall exceed three (3) pre-approved Notre Dame equivalent courses.

Students will be allowed to take advantage of the Covid-19 Related Leave of Absence (CRLOA) through the last day of class, November 12, 2020. Students who elect this option on or before October 9 will have courses removed from their transcripts. Students who elect the option after October 9 will receive W's on their transcripts in connection with their courses. All students returning from a CRLOA must receive a health clearance from University Health Services or the University Counseling Center and an academic clearance from the dean (or dean's designee) in their college to resume full-time study.

6.0 Final Examination Policy

Section 3.2.1 of the *Undergraduate Academic Code* is temporarily suspended for Fall 2020. The following policy will be in effect. Final examinations may not be weighted for more than one-half (50%) of the semester's work in the determination of the student's final grade. Instructors may reduce the weight of the final exam to less than the previously-mandated 20% at their discretion. Instructors are also free to exercise their judgment in designing and implementing alternative methods for summative assessment. The length of the semester may not be changed by the choice of assessment.

7.0 Adjusted Date for Appeal of Pending Academic Dismissal

For Fall 2020, the deadline for a student to appeal a pending academic dismissal under section 6.2.3.1 of the *Undergraduate Academic Code* shall be the tenth calendar day following the date on which final grades are posted by the Office of the Registrar.