



Fall 2020 Academic Modifications to Address COVID-19

1. Academic Calendar & Course Schedules

Academic Calendar				
Orientation	Fall Classes Begin *	In-Person Classes End	Select Classes Resume Online	End of Fall Semester
8/17 – 8/28	8/31	11/24	11/30 – 12/11	12/11

- a. Classes will be scheduled Monday – Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- b. * Returning students should expect to be required to return to Grundy several days prior to the start of classes for COVID-related orientation. Additional details will be circulated as soon as possible.
- c. Students should plan to be available in Grundy for the entire period between 8/31 and 11/24. Exams and Quizzes may be held on Saturdays.
- d. There will be no dedicated final exam period this fall. Rather, professors will schedule exams, quizzes, and assignments throughout the semester. Dedicated blocks of time for exams and quizzes will be noted on the course schedule. Professors will schedule their exams and quizzes within these blocks.
- e. The course schedule is likely to change substantially to accommodate necessary changes. An updated schedule will be circulated on or before July 20.

2. Course Delivery and Attendance

- a. ASL's primary attendance policy (students missing >15% of classes receive an F or, if appropriate, a W) will remain in place.
- b. The primary method of delivery for most classes, including all 1L classes, will be in-person. Some courses may alternate between in-person and online meetings or meet entirely online. Classes to be held entirely online will be noted on the course schedule.

- c. Students are expected to attend classes in-person unless:
 - i. They take an absence for the class, or
 - ii. They have been approved to attend the class remotely for a COVID-related reason. See Section 3 below for the COVID-related absence approval process.
 - iii. **Note: Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, who have been exposed to COVID-19, or have travelled to high-risk areas within 14 days should not come to campus for any reason.** Please refer to ASL's *Quarantining and Isolation Policy* available on the [ASL COVID webpage](#) for details.
- d. In classes with students that have been approved to attend remotely, professors may opt to deliver content to the remote students by either:
 - i. Utilizing hybrid/blended teaching in which remote and in-person students attend live classes simultaneously;
 - ii. Providing remote students with recorded classes *plus* an additional assignment/engagement check to verify attendance;
 - iii. A combination of i and ii as appropriate for the subject matter.
- e. Attendance for remote students will either be taken via the online platform for hybrid/blended classes or by completion of a verifying assignment for recorded classes.
- f. In classes with greater than 40 students, groups of students may be designated to attend remotely on any given day to ensure sufficient classroom seating within social distancing guidelines. If this method is necessary, your professor will notify you of which classes you will need to attend remotely.

3. COVID-related Absence Approval

- a. Approval may either be:
 - i. In advance for an extended period of time, or
 - 1. Students will be required to fill out a Request for Accommodations due to COVID-19 and certify its truthfulness. The form may be accessed on the [ASL COVID webpage](#) and should be emailed to COVIDabsence@asl.edu when complete.
 - ii. Based on failed screening or other acute COVID-related reason for a limited period of time.
 - 1. Students with an unexpected COVID-related reason for an absence should email COVIDabsence@asl.edu and the professor for any impacted classes as soon as they are aware of the issue.