

COVID-19 Related Considerations for Course Syllabus

Statement on COVID-19 physical distancing:

Face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing. Students shall observe physical distancing guidelines where possible in the classroom and in public spaces at the CVM.

Students should avoid congregating around doorways before or after class sessions. If the instructional space has designated entrance and exit doors, students are required to use them.

Students should adhere to the CVM policy on permissions for being in the classroom (A/B designations). These designations are noted on the master course calendar, as well as in the syllabus for this course.

Face covering policy:

In response to COVID-19, and in alignment with Auburn University's Presidential directives, and local, state, and national health official guidelines, face coverings are required at all times while on campus, except when alone in a private office. This includes the classroom, laboratory, or any type of in-person instructional activity, and public spaces. A "face covering" is defined as a "covering that fully covers a person's nose and mouth, including without limitation, cloth face mask, surgical mask, towels, scarves, and bandanas".

If a student has a medical exception to the face covering requirement, please contact the Office of Accessibility to obtain appropriate documentation.

Possibility of going remote:

In the event that the University is forced to move to fully online instruction, please be assured that the learning goals and outcomes of the course will not change; however, some aspects of the course will change in terms of the mode of delivery, participation, and testing methods. Those details will be shared via a Canvas Announcement within 24 hours of the announcement that we are going remote. Please be prepared for this contingency by ensuring that you have access to a computer and internet.

Assignments/schedule subject to change due to pandemic:

The course schedule and assignments are designed with the most up-to-date information and policies in mind. If the situation changes, the course coordinators will make every effort to keep the schedule as consistent as possible; however, please note that the due dates for assignments and tests may be changed during the semester in response to the changing health and safety requirements, or policies of the University. When changes are made, they will be communicated via Canvas Announcement, Canvas message, and all assignment due dates will be updated.

In the event a student in class tests positive:

Students must conduct daily health checks in accordance with [CDC guidelines \(Links to an external site.\)](#). Students testing positive for COVID-19, exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, or who have been in

direct contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed to attend in-person instructional activities and must leave the venue immediately. Students should contact the [Student Health Center \(Links to an external site\)](#) or their health care provider to receive care and who can provide the latest direction on quarantine and self-isolation. Contact your instructor immediately to make instructional and learning arrangements.

Zoom policies:

When we meet on Zoom, your attendance, attention, and participation are expected. Zoom participation requires you **to keep your video on** and your microphone muted when you are not speaking. Although you may be participating from your domicile, our Zoom meetings are professional interactions. You should dress and behave as you would in a normal face to face classroom. To the extent possible, please minimize distractions in the background. The course coordinators reserve the right to dismiss anyone from a Zoom meeting whose environment or behavior is distracting or problematic. If you have any issues with sharing your video feed, adhering to this policy, or anything else related to your use of Zoom, please notify the course coordinators via email in the first week of class. The course coordinators are happy to consider and provide accommodations, but you will need to be in communication with the coordinators and the Office of Academic Affairs.

Attendance:

Your health and safety, and the health and safety of your peers, are our top priorities. If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or if you discover that you have been in close contact with others who have symptoms or who have tested positive, you should not attend in-person classes. You will not be penalized for such an absence nor will you be asked to provide formal documentation from a healthcare provider. The hope is that if you are feeling ill or if you have been exposed to someone with the virus, you will stay home to protect others. We don't want the need for documentation to discourage you from self-isolating when you are experiencing symptoms.

Please do the following in the event of an illness or COVID-related absence:

- Notify the course coordinators in advance of your absence if possible
- Keep up with coursework as much as possible
- Participate in class activities and submit assignments electronically as much as possible
- Notify the course coordinators if you require a modification to the deadline of an assignment or exam

Finally, if remaining in a class and fulfilling the necessary requirements becomes impossible due to illness or other COVID-related issues, please let the course coordinators know as soon as possible so options can be discussed.