

Academic Continuity - Students and Faculty
Updated Guidance on In-Person Classroom Use (October 1 -December 18, 2020)
Approved by Deans Council, September 24, 2020

Expectations in all cases for on-campus, in-person learning activities:

- Access available, using UTHSA badge access, at current access sites
- Universal temperature screening
- Universal masking
- Scrupulous hand-hygiene
- 6-ft physical distance between persons or lab stations
- In a lab or clinical simulation environment, limit of 2 persons per station
- Anticipate assigned seating location for future contact tracing, as may be needed

Additional in-person educational opportunities, beginning October 1, 2020 (presuming that city/county progress and warning indicators hold steady or improve from status as of September 22, 2020: 6.4% positivity rate; doubling time > 90 days):

- Small group sessions (seminar or discussion), with no more than 25 persons per session (inclusive of faculty, discussion leaders, and students) – protocols of 6' physical distance, universal masking, scrupulous hand-hygiene remain in effect. Sessions will be scheduled, based on priority review, for Monday-Friday, 7 am to 8 pm. See the [University Scheduling](#) website for classroom capacities.

NOTE: Use of large classroom spaces may still be restricted for requests outside of academic examination administration.

Educational activities previously scheduled under the following conditions, remain in place:

- Academic examinations (need to map out exact dates/times to maximize use)
- In-person educational activities that require specialized equipment or lab space
- In-person educational activities that require supervised student-student learning prior to clinical or lab activities
- In-person patient discussions
- Externally administered benchmarking examinations

Planning for January-June 2021 courses

- The expectation remains in place that didactic lectures will continue to be delivered virtually (on-line). However, programs may now begin submitting Spring 2021 classroom requests following the stipulations above.

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Schools will prioritize requests within programs under their purview.

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The Briscoe Library is open for quiet, individual study, from 7 am to 8 pm, Monday-Friday. (<https://libguides.uthscsa.edu/updates>)

We are tentatively anticipating non-academic requests to return to normal scheduling March 1, 2021; however, this is subject to change.