Cardinal Students,

As you select classes for the fall 2021 semester, we hope you’ll notice that the number of in-person learning options is dramatically higher than in 2020.

We miss the vibrancy of student life on campus (and we know you do too). We value in-person interactions between faculty, staff and students. As COVID-19 vaccine availability continues to increase, we plan to return to a mostly in-person schedule this fall. Here’s what else you can expect:

- **The fall 2021 schedule includes face-to-face and 100% digital course designations.** While most of our courses will be in person, many students have told us they enjoy being able to take a combination of in-person and online courses that accommodates their learning styles and schedules.

- **In-person courses may incorporate some online expectations.** While we’re excited to get back to in-person courses, we plan to implement some of the great benefits that online tools provided students in 2020. For example, in-person courses this fall will have a majority of classes scheduled on campus with the instructor, but there may be times when the instructor uses hybrid tools, such as scheduling virtual, small group breakout sessions or flipping the classroom.

- **Any combination of in-person and online courses may be taken for the same resident or nonresident full-time rate.** We did this last fall, and we will continue that practice for fall 2021 to give more students the option of taking online courses where preferred.

- **We will be prepared to flip some in-person courses to online or hybrid** if the pandemic continues into this fall. We certainly hope this will not be the case, but as we learned to do this past year, we will be ready to adjust quickly if necessary.

We will update you when we have more details to share about the fall. If you have questions now about the [fall 2021 schedule of classes](#), reach out to your advisor.

Also, don’t forget to get tested for COVID-19 again soon. All university members who come to campus this spring semester are required to get tested between March 8 and March 19. Visit the COVID-19 website’s [Testing Program](#) section for exemptions and scheduling details.

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