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Office of the Provost

Fall 2020 Semester Update

Dear Students,

In response to state and federal guidelines, my team from the Registrar's Office has worked with Academic Affairs leadership and representatives from all areas of campus to create a safe on-campus experience for the fall. At the same time, we are driven by the integrity of our academic mission and providing that hallmark of a JMU educational experience: The interaction between our students and faculty in classrooms, studios, and labs.

We are calling this modification **Fall Schedule 2.0**.

Developing Fall Schedule 2.0

Our guiding principles included:

- Prioritize the health and safety of our faculty, staff, and students
- Maintain the in-person classroom experience when possible for all students, followed closely by prioritizing in-person labs and other experiential classes.
- Ensure that schedule changes allow students to remain on track for graduation.
- In developing Fall Schedule 2.0, we aimed to:
- Offer in-person interaction, when possible, while attending to health and safety guidance from the CDC, the VDH, and the Governor.
- Create a fall schedule that includes occupying previously unused larger spaces on campus, like the Madison Union Ballroom.
- Include a comprehensive cleaning schedule that incorporates three cleaning blocks of time, two during the day and one in the evening.
- Ensure access to courses for faculty and students, while protecting those who have health concerns.
- Involve our partners in Disability Services to address necessary accommodations for students and faculty.
- Integrate [best practices prescribed for the university](#), like the requirement of face masks, as well as those specific to [academic spaces](#).

All of these factors led to development of the **Fall Schedule 2.0**. The option outlined here maintains the MWF/TT structure that you are used to, but shifts some time periods to insert two 60-minute cleaning blocks during the day:

MWF		MW, WF, MF		TTh	
Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
8:00-8:50	8:00-8:50	8:15-9:30	8:15-9:30	8:00-9:15	8:00-9:15
9:05-9:55	9:05-9:55	8:40-9:55	8:40-9:55	9:30-10:45	9:30-10:45
10:10-11:00	10:10-11:00	9:45-11:00	9:45-11:00	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15
	60 minutes				60 minutes
11:15-12:05	12:00-12:50			12:30-1:45	1:15-2:30
12:20-1:10	1:05-1:55			2:00-3:15	2:45-4:00
1:25-2:15	2:10-3:00				60 minutes
	60 minutes			3:30-4:45	5:00-6:15
2:30-3:20	4:00-4:50	2:30-3:45	4:00-5:15	5:00-6:15	6:30-7:45
3:35-4:25	5:05-5:55	4:00-5:15	5:30-6:45	6:30-7:45	8:00-9:15
4:40-5:30	6:10-7:00	5:30-6:45	7:00-8:15		
5:45-6:35	7:15-8:05	7:00-8:15	8:30-9:45		
6:50-7:40	8:20-9:10				

Timeline of **Fall Schedule 2.0**:

- June 10: Faculty, staff and students can view Fall Schedule 2.0.
- June 15-19: First-year students will enroll in Fall Schedule 2.0. Login to MyMadison to view your new enrollment appointment.
- June 22-July 17: First year students participate in virtual Summer Springboard and review schedules with advisers.
- July 21: All students regain access to Fall Schedule 2.0 and advisers will be available to assist students with schedule changes.

Please note that these changes are to the class meeting schedule only; no changes have been made to the [Academic Calendar for Fall 2020](#).

Your Next Steps

Please check MyMadison to find the contact information of your adviser and reach out to them with questions about your fall classes.

We also have several expectations for students that will maximize the health and safety of all:

- Provide your own mask (cloth or clear) while on campus.
- Utilize good personal hygiene, i.e., self-monitoring of symptoms, hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, etc.
- Practice social distancing when going between classes, waiting for class session in hallways, and moving within other public spaces.
- Follow visual cues such as colored tape and directional signage to maximize physical distance, when possible.

While schedule changes are being implemented uniformly, your college and major department will have the best information related to your questions. I realize this is a significant alteration to our usual operations, but I hope that seeing the rationale behind these changes and the advance knowledge of the implementation will make the transition smoother.

Sincerely,

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