
From: Office of the Provost
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To: AA-RESPONSE-L@LISTSERV.JMU.EDU
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Dear Colleagues,
Below are important updates for January 31, 2021.

Entry Testing Delay. Due to inclement weather, some students were unable to undergo entry testing and must quarantine in place until they are able to do so. If you are holding class tomorrow in person and no arrangements can be made for remote participation, these students should be excused from attendance without penalty.

Inclement Weather and Spring 2021 Classes. Here are some things to keep in mind in case inclement weather makes it necessary to close JMU administrative offices and cancel in-person classes in the Spring 2021 semester.

The current inclement weather policy (<https://www.jmu.edu/JMUpolicy/policies/1309.shtml>) notes that faculty have several options for making up missed instructional time:

- Hold class at the regularly scheduled time on the official university make-up day.
- Hold class at a time acceptable to all class members other than the regularly scheduled time or the official make-up day. Time and location will be arranged by the academic unit.
- Accommodate the missed instructional time within remaining class meeting time.
- Hold class through electronic means.

For courses meeting in person, faculty should communicate as soon as possible with students about plans to make up missed instructional time in the event that inclement weather closes JMU administrative offices and cancels in-person classes.

For courses meeting online or hybrid, it is possible that many faculty will decide to continue to meet as scheduled through electronic means even if JMU administrative offices are closed and in-person courses are cancelled due to inclement weather. Faculty should communicate with students *as soon as possible* about class meetings in the case of inclement weather.

Academic Affairs requires syllabi to include a reference to the Inclement Weather policy noted above. See <https://www.jmu.edu/syllabus/index.shtml>. Where appropriate, syllabi for online/hybrid courses should provide general plans for class meetings in case of inclement weather.

Today's Travel. Some students have been unable to return to Harrisonburg due to the inclement weather. Again, if you are scheduled to hold class tomorrow in person and no arrangements can be made for remote participation, I strongly urge you to be lenient with these students regarding their attendance.

See <https://www.jmu.edu/stop-the-spread/academic-affairs/index.shtml> for the latest information.

Best wishes,
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