

Announcement: 2021 Fall and Late Fall Semesters for Graduate Students

Since its outbreak in early 2020, Harrisburg University has actively monitored the trends, developments, and science of COVID-19 with one primary concern in mind: keeping the HU Community safe and healthy.

After multiple discussions among leaders of the HU Community, we have decided that programs for all **graduate** students will be delivered **in a virtual manner for the 2021 Fall (August 28, 2021 to December 10, 2021) and Late Fall (October 30, 2021 to February 25, 2022) semesters.** No face-to-face sessions will be required for **graduate** students.

HU staff have continued to develop and refine innovative activities to connect new and returning students to each other as well as to the wider HU community. Please watch for additional information about community building and connections. We are in this together, and together we will thrive.

Federal guidelines for international students studying in the US continue to allow for greater flexibility in how programs are delivered and managed. Under the continuing but temporary federal guidelines, students still need to be monitored (e.g., attendance taken and verified), show academic progress (through their work), and maintain their full-time course load. If you are an international student studying at HU, you will maintain your visa status and be allowed to remain in the US to study and work as long as you continue to attend and fully participate in classes online to include attending Executive Sessions online versus in person.

Please continue to monitor HU's COVID-19 webpage for news and developments: <https://covid.harrisburgu.edu/>.

May you and your families remain healthy and safe.

NOTE: Any HU student who is experiencing concerns such as anxiety, depression, or academic stress as a result of this issue should contact the BHS Student Assistance Program. You can login via the app/web, <https://portal.bhsonline.com>, or call 800-327-2251. The username is HarrisburgU. Outreach to BHS is confidential, and each student is assigned a master's level clinician as a care coordinator. BHS will provide HU students with quality, in-the-moment support.