

Subject: Autumn Semester 2020 Update

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From: Brent Wilder on behalf of Marketing and Communications

To: Executive Vice President

Columbus State Students,

You are receiving this message because you have already enrolled at Columbus State for Autumn semester 2020 or have been enrolled with us within the past academic year. I am writing you to provide information regarding the Autumn semester. As we have done from the beginning of this pandemic, Columbus State is committed to the wellness and well-being of our campus community as we navigate together the challenges of operating in the COVID-19 environment. In short, we will navigate these challenges together----and we will continue to put your success at the center of our decision-making.

For Autumn 2020, more than 90% of our classes will be instructed remotely---either 'live online' where you attend class remotely at a specific day and time, or a traditional 'web' class where there is no assigned day or time to participate in class. The remaining very small percentage of courses will be delivered either entirely or partially in-person. More about this in a moment, but the most important thing for you to know is you have an entire faculty and staff that's here to assist you in whatever you may need----you will not be alone in this. We will be with you every step of the way.

The month of August is an important communication month----you will hear more from us by email over the coming weeks leading up to and into the semester with key things to know and do as you prepare for and start classes. I also want to encourage you to turn to csc.edu/learnon as a first stop to find important resources on our website to help you succeed in a largely virtual environment – updates are coming this week and will continue throughout August. We will also update csc.edu/coronavirus with the latest information. (Both of these online resources are prominently featured on our home page.)

We know these are difficult times for everyone, and someday hopefully soon we will be able to see each other in-person once again. In this uncertain environment, we want to be a source of certainty and assistance for you. So if you need support, we want to hear from you. Check out csc.edu/learnon for more ways we can offer you support.

We are especially interested in making sure you have the technology you need to succeed, including dedicated computing equipment and Internet bandwidth. Within the next several days, we will be sending out a technology survey to all students----please complete the survey so we can assist you in ensuring you are all set in the technology department!

For students enrolling in in-person classes – and yes, we are planning for a very limited number of in-person classes for accreditation and hands-on learning purposes – please know that we will be communicating with you directly about conducting common sense self-health assessments before coming to class and wearing facial coverings while you are on campus.

Everyone will notice new designations on our course schedule to let you know how classes are planned to be delivered. If classes do not have one of the following designations – live online, partial in-person or full in-person – they will be delivered in an online format with no meeting times. Classes designated live online, partial in-person or full-in person will have meeting times listed. If you have questions about registering for a specific class, please reach out to [Student Central](https://csc.edu/learnon) or call us at 614-287-5353. We'll be updating csc.edu/learnon soon with additional resources to help you navigate the course schedule.

Thank you for choosing Columbus State. We are glad to have you with us-----working together, we will get through these challenging times and succeed!

My best,

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