

Dear Students,

As you know, course schedules for the Fall 2021 are currently viewable for planning purposes and priority registrations start April 5<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to see all priority registration dates.

I am pleased to inform you that Fall 2021 classes will be offered using normal, pre-pandemic guidelines and capacities. This decision was not made lightly and is based on multiple factors. In addition to guidance from state and local health experts, we have benchmarked what other Missouri and peer institutions are planning and participated in interactive discussions with the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

While this information and these interactions have made us confident enough to move forward in our fall planning, we also want to be clear that this decision is contingent upon Cape Girardeau County Public Health and State of Missouri guidelines. If county and state guidelines do not allow for normal capacities, we will revert back to the plans that are currently in place for the Spring 2021 semester.

As we make updates in the Course Schedules reflecting this decision, you will start to notice more face-to-face sections with the number of available seats going back to pre-pandemic levels (normal room capacities).

For the Fall 2021 semester, we will continue to offer online, webinar, HyFlex, and blended courses for programs that are fully online or for courses for which it was determined these formats would best meet the needs of the students while still ensuring outcomes are met, just as we did prior to COVID-19. The Summer 2021 schedule will remain as posted and planned.

We commend you and appreciate your adaptability during these unprecedented times. We are hopeful that we can begin returning to the campus environment that we had prior to COVID-19.

Thank you for your willingness to adapt in these unique times. We will do what we can to notify everyone as early as possible if there are any changes to this plan due to state and county guidelines.

Respectfully,

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