

We are excited that the University is planning to welcome students back to campus for the Fall 2020 semester, and you have received a few emails recently regarding class instruction. In the email sent you by Dean Jeffrey Brown on June 18, he outlined two priorities:

- Ensuring your safety and the safety of our faculty, staff, and campus community
- Providing you with maximum impact and value in your education

To that end, faculty and administration have been working diligently over the last several days to develop a plan for class scheduling and instruction delivery for the {{App---Application---Degree}} program. Even though we do not yet have everything ironed out, we want to share with you what we do know.

Here are some of those details:

- At this time, we expect a majority of your classes will be in person. The rest of your classes will be conducted online; this is in the best interest of safety or due to the lack of available classroom space to maintain required social distancing.
- Keep in mind that you will register for classes at orientation, so you do not need to do anything more at this time. We hope to provide you more information regarding specific class schedules and orientation by the end of this month.
- All classes will be accessible virtually if you cannot or choose not to physically come to class. Therefore, students can choose to do their entire instruction online if they so desire. However, if you are an international student and desire to do this, please [review the information](#) sent to you recently from the International Student & Scholar Services Office so you understand how this could affect your visa status.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and update you if there are any further developments regarding fall instruction, but for now, we hope this information will help you to begin thinking about the best way for you to start classes on August 24.

If you have questions, feel free to email us at grad@business.illinois.edu. All of us here at Gies look forward to welcoming you to campus this fall.

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