


## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 6, 2021

To: UAH Faculty

From: Robert G. Lindquist,  Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Subject: Syllabi for Fall Semester 2021

As we prepare for the upcoming 2021 fall semester, I am eager to share the following information to help you build your course syllabi. Additional communication will be relayed in the coming week with details about health and safety protocols related to COVID-19. The UA System Task Force is concerned about the rise in cases and the Delta variant, and will remain active and continue to monitor data on campus and in the community; safety requirements are subject to change.

- Traditional courses must be taught in person on campus as planned. You may not change the modality of your section without approval. Requests must be made through your dean to the Provost, and ultimately the President.
- Face coverings will be required indoors on campus, effective Monday, August 9. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of vaccination status. Exceptions include: when alone in offices and private workspaces, when in residence hall rooms, while actively eating or drinking, or while actively engaged in exercise. UAH will continue to monitor key data and public health guidance and will work in conjunction with the UA System Health and Safety Task Force to evaluate this temporary guidance.
- Disposable facemasks will be available in each classroom building for those who need them in instructional spaces.
- Faculty will be required to provide remote access to all course materials and lecture recordings (if the assigned classroom has recording capability) in Canvas so that students can stay on track if they must quarantine.
- Faculty should not penalize students for non-attendance when absence is necessary for health and safety reasons.
- Clearly define for students how you will communicate changes in the delivery of instruction should the course be unexpectedly interrupted, e.g., severe weather, illness, injury.
- All students attending UAH are expected to abide by an **Academic Honor Code** as reflected by the following pledge. *"I promise or affirm that I will not at any time be involved in cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, misrepresentation, or any other form of academic misconduct as outlined in the UAH policy on Academic Misconduct and Student Handbook while I am enrolled as a student at UAH. I understand that violating this promise will result in penalties as severe as expulsion from UAH."* Faculty are encouraged to insert this statement in their course syllabus and may ask, at their discretion, students to sign the pledge. See Policy 02.01.67 <https://www.uah.edu/policies/02-01-67-academic-misconduct-policy>.
- The Pass/Withdraw Grading Option is no longer offered. That option ended with the Spring 2021 semester.

If you are not yet vaccinated, please consider getting vaccinated as soon as possible. Data continue to show the vaccine provides strong protection against infection – especially serious complications – compared to those who are unvaccinated. Appointments can be made through the [UAH Health Portal](#).