

MEMORANDUM

To: University Community
From: Kenneth G. Furton, Provost & Executive Vice President
Date: March 23, 2021

Subject: Summer and Fall 2021 classes

Dear members of the university community,

As FIU continues its repopulation efforts for the upcoming semesters, our university will be offering a robust and safe on-campus experience for students in the Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 semesters.

Beginning Summer 2021, all courses are being scheduled utilizing the pre COVID-19 modalities of Fully In-Person, Certified Hybrid, and Fully Online. Please refer to the glossary of modalities at the end of this memo. Remote and HyFlex options developed during COVID-19 will not be course selection options.

Summer A and C are being scheduled with the current physical distancing classroom capacities in place. Summer B and Fall terms are being scheduled with physical distancing restrictions removed and pre COVID-19 classroom capacities restored.

Our expectation is to fully utilize all 207 general-use classrooms, plus additional classrooms when needed. If additional rooms are needed, we will first work with departments and units to utilize locally managed spaces and additional classrooms at alternate locations within FIU. If more space is required, we will then explore the possibility of outside venues.

To allow the new course schedule to be built, we have delayed the Summer and Fall registration by one week, with registration beginning on Tuesday, April 6. The course schedule will be available for students to view on Thursday, April 1.

Because of the fluid nature of the pandemic, we will remain flexible and agile. If the situation requires a return to physical distancing for Summer B or Fall, adjustments can be made following recommendations from university leadership. We will prioritize on-

campus opportunities for First Year students while reducing the overall student density.

As part of our repopulation efforts, additional retail locations and campus partners will be open and ready to serve our FIU community, including dining locations. For a complete list of what's open, hours of operation and information on appointments and reservations, visit [shopFIU](#).

As always, at FIU we are committed to providing a safe teaching and learning environment. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to help our students succeed.

Glossary of modalities:

Fully In-Person:

Traditional face-to-face experience, with modifications to classroom layouts and seating arrangements to accommodate physical distancing. Zoom and videoconferencing may be used for short-term absences or to link multiple classrooms.

Certified Hybrid:

Course combines in-person and out-of-class instruction. Students meet in person on campus during scheduled days and times, and then use Canvas, other online resources, or experiential learning for the out-of-campus portion.

Fully Online

Course taught online through Canvas, with activities and assignments designed to take place virtually.