

Culverhouse Students –

We hope that all of you are well as our Thanksgiving break and the end of the semester draw near.

The Culverhouse College of Business has been working hard to assure that we have the best Spring 2021 semester possible. Because we view the interactions between students and faculty/instructors to be a critically important component of learning, the spring course schedule includes an even greater number of face-to-face classes than were available this fall. We want you to attend face-to-face classes and hope you have taken advantage of these opportunities as you have registered for spring classes.

There may be some of you, however, who truly need to be remote during spring semester for valid reasons. Please follow the guidelines below to seek remote accommodations. Know, though, that *healthy students who can attend their spring face-to-face courses in person should attend in person.*

What if I need to remotely attend my Spring 2021 classes for the entire semester due to COVID-19?

The Office of Disability Services is facilitating student requests for remote learning due to COVID-19. Go to ods.ua.edu/covid-19-disability and submit a request form if you are:

- 65 or older.
- At increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- A local campus resident sharing a household and/or are primary caregiver for an individual who has been determined to be at increased risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 according to the (CDC).
- Pregnant.

The submission deadline for ODS remote learning requests is January 18, 2021.

My need for entire-semester remote learning does not fall into one of the above categories.

You may be able to obtain a Culverhouse College of Business (CCB) adjustment for remote learning, if you can demonstrate that you:

- Are an international student currently in a country from which travel to the United States is banned due to COVID-19.
- Cannot reside within a 100-mile radius of Tuscaloosa.

Complete this form to submit a request (with required documentation) for Spring 2021 remote learning: [CCB Remote Learning Request](#)

You may not receive authorization to attend your classes remotely without an ODS- or CCB-approved accommodation.

After the Spring semester begins: What if I am diagnosed with COVID-19 or am exposed to someone with COVID-19?

Complete the UA HealthCheck app at ua.edu/healthcheck, to assess your level of risk for on-campus activities. If the HealthCheck app deems your risk as elevated, per University policy:

- Contact the [COVID Hotline Support program](#). You will receive a notice that you must then forward to your instructors.
- You are not to return to class until cleared by a healthcare provider.

- You should participate remotely until cleared.
- Each of your instructors will determine how best to facilitate your remote attendance.
- After obtaining medical clearance to return to campus activities, the [COVID Hotline Support program](#) will email you an authorization to return, which you must then forward to your instructors.

I prefer to participate remotely in my face-to-face classes. Can I do so, without an ODS or CCB accommodation, illness, or quarantine?

No. Healthy students who can attend in person should attend in person. You may not choose to remotely attend your Spring face-to-face classes in the absence of an ODS or CCB accommodation, illness, or quarantine.

Can my instructors require in-person class attendance in the Spring semester?

Yes. Your instructors may take and/or require in-person attendance, allowing students with an ODS- or CCB-approved accommodation to attend via Zoom (or equivalent). Allowances will be made for students who are ill. *Do not attend class if you are ill or if the HealthCheck app deems your risk as elevated.*

These instructions will be updated as necessary if new health guidelines are made available. Please contact covidspring21@cba.ua.edu / (205) 348-4537 with questions about remote learning and attendance in the spring semester.

We know that many of you find it difficult to learn remotely--we've heard your concerns, and we've done all we can to address your concerns. We know that social distancing and face masks in classrooms have made classrooms the safest places to be on campus--no positive case of COVID-19 has been traced back to classroom exposure this fall. So, together, let's make spring semester one of the best ever with full attendance in our classrooms.

Good luck as you wrap up your fall classes! Roll Tide!