



UIS – United in Safety: Return to the Prairie Fall 2020

Student Highlights

All decisions for Fall 2020 are designed to deliver on the promise of UIS' academic mission consistent with available safety guidelines.

Mandatory On-Campus Community Expectations

- Wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth when a 6-foot physical distance cannot be maintained. This includes in classrooms, common areas, and outdoors when distancing is not possible.
- Follow the advice of public health and medical professionals for good personal hygiene, such as frequent hand washing.
- Participate in weekly, free COVID-19 saliva testing provided on campus if living or learning on campus and non-symptomatic. uis.edu/covid-19/testing
- UIS students who are exhibiting symptoms should remain in their residence, not attend classes or visit any public space, and call UIS Health Services or their personal physician to be screened to determine the need for testing and other health-related directives.
- All students are expected to follow public health guidance, including directives involving isolation or quarantine, testing and cooperation with contact tracing. Violation of these directives is taken very seriously and will result in immediate notification to the Dean of Students.
- Gatherings that conflict with federal, state, local or university guidelines are prohibited on university property. Currently, the Restore Illinois plan limits gatherings to no more than 10 people in Phase 3,

and 50 people or 50% of space capacity (whichever is less) in Phase 4. These standards are subject to change without notice. Face-covering and physical distancing are required during gatherings.

Health and Wellness

- UIS Health Services and Counseling Center will provide health-care services to students via in-person and telehealth (Doxy.me) meetings.
- UIS will cooperate fully with the Sangamon County Department of Public Health should a positive case result in the need for contact tracing involving University students, staff or faculty.
- Spaces, such as classrooms, labs, common areas and residences, have been set up for appropriate physical distancing.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are placed near the main entries of buildings and in elevator lobbies, and disinfecting products are available in each classroom.
- High-traffic and high-touch areas and workspaces are disinfected at least daily.
- Air ventilation and sanitation was adjusted in campus spaces to improve air circulation.

Campus Safety continued

Learning

- Courses for on-campus students will be provided fully in-person or by blended delivery (mix of in-person and remote instruction). This approach is dependent upon central Illinois maintaining at least “Phase 4: Revitalization” within the Restore Illinois plan. Should central Illinois be downgraded to “Phase 3: Recovery,” instruction would pivot to a remote course delivery format.
- Courses will begin and end according to the dates posted on the existing academic calendar for Fall 2020.
 - However, Fall Break will be canceled; classes will be held on Friday, Oct. 16.
 - Tuesday, Nov. 3, has been identified as a statewide voting holiday in Illinois; there will be no classes on that date.
 - All classes will be offered remotely beginning Wednesday, Nov. 25, and will continue via remote delivery through the end of the Fall semester.
 - Student deadline for withdrawing from courses or requesting a change in grading to Credit/No Credit will be Nov. 27.
- Students who have significant risk factors may, upon request and approval, participate remotely in courses being offered in-person.
- All academic enrichment programming (e.g., ECCE Speaker Series, Study Away programs, Model UN, etc.) may be restructured (offered remotely), postponed or canceled for the Fall 2020 semester.
- Students will have access to full academic support services with remote availability to academic advisors and student success specialists.
- University-sponsored travel for students will align with current UI System directives and comply with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and CDC guidelines.

On-Campus Housing and Dining

- Occupancy consists of double- and single- bedroom spaces, with the option to purchase a single residence hall space.
- Guests are not permitted in residential living spaces of the residence halls.
- Food service options have been modified, and carry-out options are encouraged. No self-service is available.
- All diners should wear face coverings when selecting their food and moving around the dining area.
- Seating is arranged in accordance with public health guidelines, including physical distancing and availability of hand sanitizer.

Campus Recreation

- TRAC spaces are limited to 50% capacity, and fitness equipment is spread out to accommodate physical distancing.
- Intramural sports are limited to individual sports and e-sports.
- Group fitness classes will not share equipment and will make use of outdoors and the arena.
- Outdoor adventure trips will be limited to nearby locations.
- Students are encouraged to use Rec Park and abide by the guidelines.