



Experiential Education – Spring 2021

Colleges

The following recommendations are provided for Colleges considering providing in-person Experiential Education programs (including, but not limited to, internships, externships, field experiences, research activities, clinical programs, practicums, co-ops, student teaching programs, service-learning, etc.) domestically or internationally for the Spring 2021 semester:

- When possible, Colleges are encouraged to conduct their programs virtually/remotely due to the spread of COVID-19.
- Colleges should consult the University's COVID-19 web page for domestic and international travel restrictions prior to beginning the program.

Students considering participation in in-person experiences are provided with the following guidance:

- If proceeding with an in-person program, students should review and discuss the plans and protocols of the program site for reducing the spread of COVID-19 with their program supervisor, including whether the program site is compliant with public health guidance from federal, state, and local entities.
- Students should follow both the plans and protocols of the program site and relevant public health guidance from federal, state, and local entities.
- Students should recognize the potential health and safety risks associated with participation in an in-person program at a program site that may not have implemented the same policies and processes for limiting exposure to and slowing the spread of COVID-19 as the University. These risks include, but are not limited to, disease, illness, exacerbation of a pre-existing medical condition, death, inadequate medical care and facilities, and/or other unforeseeable dangers.
- Students should acknowledge and understand that they assume the potential risks associated with participation in an in-person program during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Students participating in in-person programs should understand that the University is not responsible for their safety or welfare, regardless of whether the program is University-affiliated or whether the program was originally sponsored by the University or by another entity.
- Students should understand that the University is generally not responsible for any costs associated with their decision to participate in an in-person program, and that students assume full financial responsibility for any and all costs associated with such participation,

including but not limited to, housing, transportation, medical care or treatment for disease, illness or injury, as well as all unanticipated costs associated with COVID-19 related restrictions on, modifications to, and cancellation of the program. Some University colleges may offer programs to assist with experiential learning costs – questions regarding such programs should be directed to program coordinators / faculty.

- Students should understand that they are solely responsible for all health and safety measures in the event of a medical emergency.
- Students should make decisions in consultation with program coordinators / faculty to ensure they fully understand the potential impacts on graduation requirements and/or licensure achievement.

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