Fall 2020: Most Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How will classes be delivered in the fall semester?
   A. Online until Labor Day. After that, depending on the course, classes are expected to be offered online, hybrid (online and on-ground) or web-enhanced.

Q. How are Macomb’s online classes delivered?
   A. Macomb uses the Canvas Learning Management System to deliver its online classes and it is available free to students. Faculty will also be using Microsoft Teams and Zoom to interact in real time, create groups, and allow students to engage in discussions.

Q. What if I don’t have a computer or Wi-Fi access?
   A. There are a few options:
      • Students can purchase laptops from the bookstore using their financial aid funds.
      • Students can make appointments to use either Center or South Campus library computers, or bring their own laptops to use the college Wi-Fi from the libraries. Appointments must be made here in advance or by phone: Center: 586.286.2104 (press 2) | South: 586.445.7401 (press 2)
      • Students can apply for grants or be connected to community resources by Student Options for Success (SOS).
      • Student can apply for private scholarships created by donors to the college.

Q. What about those programs that cannot be completely adapted to an online format?
   A. While some labs will be conducted online, most will be held on campus as long as Michigan and college safety requirements are met. Labs held on campus have been reconfigured to reduce capacity and assure social distancing.

Q. Will all hybrid classes resume on-ground instruction during the fall semester?
   A. No. Priority is given to lab and hands-on, skill-oriented courses that are required to conduct the non-lecture portions of the classes on campus. Some additional hybrid classes may include small group sessions on campus when safety protocols can be assured. Instructors will inform students whether any of their class sessions will be held on campus.

Q. How do I know what class format I am registering for?
   A. All course sections showing a campus and room number on Student Planning will begin online at least through Labor Day, unless otherwise noted. Sections designated as “Online” will be offered completely online. Sections with both a campus location (Center, South, etc.) and the words “Online VIR” are hybrids and may include on-ground instruction as described above. The small number of sections that do not indicate “Online” or “Online VIR” are expected to resume instruction on campus after Labor Day, in staggered shifts to maintain social distancing, and if other safety protocols are maintained.

Q. How is the college ensuring the safety of students when they return to campus?
   A. Daily cleaning and disinfecting of buildings, Plexiglass shields in high-traffic areas, reconfiguration of classrooms and reducing class sizes/staggering entry/exit times to maintain social distancing, and requiring employees and students to take a daily health self-assessment and wear a face covering.

Q. Do I have to wear a face covering when I’m on campus?
   A. Yes.