

Updates to Campus Community from Provost

April 13, 2020

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor continues to monitor local, state, and federal health official guidelines regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Because of continued concerns, UMHB has determined that all courses in the May Minimester will be taught in an online format. Many courses in the May term are already online and will be unaffected. The remaining slate of face-to-face courses will move to an online format. The transition to online instruction will be much like the Spring semester, where all courses were moved online. For courses that start in May and extend into Summer I and Summer II, they will also start out online in the hope that they can resume in a face to face format later in the summer. We will work with any undergraduate student who cannot return to campus to accommodate their participation in their classes. If there are any course cancellations due to the transition to online learning, students will be notified as soon as possible by their dean.

The May Term will follow the same grading policy as the Spring semester. All undergraduate courses, with the exception of health professions, will be graded by Credit/No Credit unless the student decides to move to a traditional letter grade format (A, B, C, etc.). Students will have until May 28th to decide to change to letter grades. Instructions for changing the grading format in the May Term will be sent at a later date.

Students who register for six or more summer hours are eligible for free summer housing. At this time, the university's plan is to allow students to return to live on campus once restrictions have been lifted by local health officials. Summer housing is tentatively scheduled to open Sunday, May 10. Given the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, any additional changes will be communicated as needed. Students wanting to live on campus this summer should complete the [Summer Housing Application](#). For any questions about summer housing, please contact wfitzwater@umhb.edu.

Regarding Summer I and Summer II, the current expectation is that these courses will be offered face-to-face. We will continue to monitor local, state, and federal health official guidelines and will communicate any necessary changes at an appropriate time.

Cordially,

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