

March 18, 2020

Dear Students-

In an effort to keep you well informed about how changes on campus affect you personally, you will continue to receive high-level communications from the administration, as well as topic-specific messages from individual offices, faculty, and staff.

As promised, we have answers to many of your pressing questions. However, there are other topics about which we are awaiting further guidance from the government, Congress, and other legislative bodies. We ask for understanding and patience from all members of the University community as ongoing decisions are made.

Here is what we are able to share today:

Academic Calendars

- Traditional Undergraduate Easter Break has been cancelled and will be used as class time
 - Good Friday will be honored for Traditional Undergraduate, ADP, and Graduate Studies
- Withdrawal dates have been extended for:
 - 16-week Traditional Undergraduate and Graduate classes
 - 2nd 8-week Traditional Undergraduate and Graduate classes
- Refund dates have been extended for:
 - 2nd 8-week Traditional Undergraduate classes
- Please refer to the [Academic Calendars on our website](#) for specific dates

Commencement

- As previously announced, spring Commencement ceremonies scheduled for May 9 have been postponed.
- Postponement will not affect anyone's graduation from Concordia-Chicago, as all students who are eligible to graduate in May will do so.
- All eligible students will be invited to participate in another ceremony at a later date to be determined.
- Students should expect to receive a separate email addressing commencement-specific questions and issues.

Completion of Coursework

- Academic leadership, including your individual deans, are discussing policies to help support all students as they complete their courses as scheduled.
- If you have extenuating circumstances that you believe prevent you from completing a spring course(s), please notify your faculty member immediately.
- Personalized study plans may be available for those with documented learning accommodations
- Students will receive further details by email later this week.

Financial Aid

- The Office of Financial aid is currently in communication with various government entities, which are making comprehensive decisions regarding financial aid.
- As decisions are made at the state and federal levels, students will receive additional communication.

Housing

- All residential students received a dedicated email communication from the Director of Housing Operations with specific instructions and options for the remainder of the semester
- [View the Residential Student Move Out Plan](#)

Undergraduate Academic Advising

- For the remainder of the spring term, advising appointments will be available only via phone or Blackboard Collaborate.
- Academic advising appointments should be [scheduled online](#) for the remainder of the spring term. An email appointment confirmation will include instructions and next steps.
- Students experiencing trouble with fall course registrations (eg. prerequisite error codes) should [email Academic Advising](#) for an add/drop form.

The resilience, patience, and willingness to help one another that you're continuing to exhibit throughout the COVID-19 pandemic is a testament to the faith and strength of character that we recognize in all of our students.

You continue to be in our prayers.

God's Blessings Always,

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