

Academics

Fall 2020 Academic Calendar

September 8 th & 9 th	RedHawk Ready
September 9 th	Fall S1 Classes Begin
September 10 th	Fall Classes Begin
October 22 th	Fall S1 Ends
October 26 th	Fall S2 Classes Begin
November 25 th	Last in-Person Class Meeting
November 26 th & 27 th	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 10 th	Fall S2 Classes End
December 17 th	Fall Classes End

NOTE: There is no Fall Break. After Thanksgiving, students will have about 4 hours-worth of work that they may be doing virtually (revising a paper, giving a report on TEAMS, having a conference or tutoring session with a faculty member, taking a test, etc.).



Tentative Spring 2021 Academic Calendar

January 18 th	College Closed
January 19 th	RedHawk Ready
January 20 th	Spring Classes Begin & Spring S1 Classes Begin
March 9 th	Spring S1 Classes End
March 15 th	Spring S2 Classes Begin
April 29 th	Spring Classes End & Spring S2 Ends
April 30 th	Baccalaureate Service at 4:00pm
May 1 st	Commencement

WILL MASKS BE REQUIRED IN CLASS?

We will all—students, faculty, and staff—wear masks in the classroom. If you have forgotten yours, additional disposable masks will be available in classroom buildings. While they are lecturing, faculty will be teaching from behind clear barriers, so they will not have on their masks in that particular situation. When faculty walk out from behind the barrier, they will use their masks. The barriers at the podiums in classrooms allow students to see instructors' mouths as they talk, which some students need for various reasons.

WHAT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE CLASSROOMS?

1. Classes will abide by physical distancing guidelines. Extra chairs and desks have been removed from classrooms in order to facilitate physical distancing at all times. Don't move the chairs around in classrooms; they are situated to comply with guidelines for distancing. Every classroom is at half capacity or less, and each classroom building is as well.
2. Students will be provided supplies to clean desks and seats before use;

3. Faculty will be asked to clean their workspaces;
4. Hand sanitizer will be available in all academic facilities and classrooms.
5. Class schedules are staggered; the length of time per class period has increased (50 minute classes now last an hour, and 75 minute classes now last 90 minutes).
6. The time between classes has also increased, from 10 to 15 minutes to give students and faculty more time to get to the next class and to decrease the number of students exiting classrooms at the same time, with the goal to avoid crowds and congestion.
7. Classroom buildings will have designated entrances and separate designated exits. Traffic will be one way, in and out of each building
8. Faculty will monitor student attendance/absenteeism and use seating charts to aid in contact tracing
9. Twice a day environmental services will be wiping down doorknobs, computer lab keyboards, handrails, and desks with an alcohol-based cleaner as a normal routine cleaning function effective immediately.

WHAT WILL MY CLASSES LOOK LIKE IN THE FALL?

Academics is prepared to offer several modes of learning this fall, including face-to-face classes. While small classes will meet face-to-face, larger classes will be delivered with a hybrid (synchronous component) method using an online delivery; some classes will be offered completely online.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE TROUBLE WITH TECHNOLOGY OR DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW TO USE MOODLE ETC.?

Any student who needs additional support with technology or with on-line learning should contact the IT office: 424-2009. In addition, staff members Skylar Lovvo (slovvo@martinmethodist.edu) or Haley Kinder (hkinder@martinmethodist.edu) are both available to provide support. In addition, students will want to notify faculty immediately if problems with technology affect their work for class.

WHAT IS I BECOME ILL AND HAVE TROUBLE COMPLETING MY WORK?

As always, a student who misses class because of illness will need to notify faculty immediately. If need be, notify Academic Advising (ccapps@martinmethodist.edu) or the Provost's office (ebass@martinmethodist.edu) and they will notify all faculty for you.

HAS THE CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGED?

All courses this fall will have a slightly modified schedule: MWF classes run for 60 minutes, with 15 minutes between classes; TR classes run 90 minutes, with 15 minutes between classes.

MWF Day Schedule:

8:00am-9:00am

9:15am-10:15am

10:30am-11:30am

12:00am-1:00pm

1:15am-2:15pm

2:30am-3:30pm

TR Day Schedule:

8:00am-9:30am

9:45am-11:15am

11:30am-1:00pm

1:15pm-2:45pm

3:00pm-4:30pm

WILL MMC OFFER INTERNSHIPS IN THE FALL?

Professor Pat Ford, director of the internship program, is keeping abreast of best practices and State/CDC recommendations (pford@martinmethodist.edu). Interested students should notify Mr. Ford.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM A MEDICALLY VULNERABLE STUDENT?

Medically vulnerable students are encouraged to work from home when it is appropriate.

These students should talk to the Provost, Dr. Judy Cheatham

(jcheatham@martinmethodist.edu), for an accommodation if this is necessary.

WILL THE LIBRARY BE OPEN?

The Library will be open to the MMC Community.