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A Guide to Fall 2020 Enrollment
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Timeline

Monday, August 24: Class Roster goes live (classes.cornell.edu/browse/roster/FA20)

Wednesday, August 26: Enrollment begins (details in "Enrollment" section)

1. What is an instruction mode?

Instruction mode refers to the manner in which typical classroom activities involving instructors and students are provided, such as lectures, discussions, and labs.

Instruction mode *does not* refer to out-of-class requirements such as homework, reading, studying, writing assignments, or exams.

Instruction modes for Fall 2020

Instruction mode	Description
In Person	Course is delivered via in-person, face-to-face instruction. All required class meetings occur on campus, during scheduled meeting times. <u>Only 7-week courses that conclude prior to Thanksgiving</u> fall into this category.
In Person with transition to Online	<u>Course begins with in-person instruction</u> during scheduled meeting times, followed by a <u>transition after Thanksgiving to online instruction for all students</u> until the end of the semester.
Hybrid – Online & In Person	Course <u>combines in-person instruction</u> during scheduled meeting times with <u>online learning,</u> using a rotational attendance model (e.g., class is split in half or thirds and students alternate between participating in person and online). Instruction transitions after Thanksgiving to online instruction for all students until the end of the semester. <u>Some in-person activity is required</u>. o Students will receive rotational attendance information from the academic department once details are determined.
Online	<u>Course is delivered online</u>, with portions delivered synchronously during scheduled meeting times. Students are expected to participate synchronously so long as the scheduled meeting time is between 8am and 10:30pm in their local time zone. There are two types of Online courses: (1) Entirely online for all students and the instructor(s). Doesn't offer options for "In Person," "In Person with transition to Online," or "Hybrid – Online & In Person." (2) Online version for students to participate remotely in a course with a primary instruction mode of "In Person," "In Person with Transition to Online," or "Hybrid – Online & In Person." Instruction takes place in a physical classroom, with some students attending in person and some remotely. Students who enroll in this type of Online course are not permitted to attend class meetings in person.
Distance Learning Asynchronous	All students and instructors interact online. Involves well-designed, pre-recorded content and curated asynchronous interaction. Content is accessed by students at <u>unspecified times</u>.
Directed Research	Research work supervised by an advisor or a faculty member. Delivery varies.
Independent Studies	Research work supervised by an advisor or a faculty member. Delivery varies.

Points to consider when choosing which instruction mode to select

- Your options for instruction mode will vary based on your location (see the next sections for details):
  1. you will be in the Ithaca area
  2. you plan to transition to the Ithaca area (for example, after travel restrictions are lifted)
  3. you won't be in the Ithaca area
- Pay close attention to the instruction mode associated with the specific version of the course in which you want to enroll. The same course (Subject + Catalog Number, for example AEM 2700) can have multiple instruction modes, represented by different "versions" that correspond to instruction mode in the Class Roster.
  - For example, a course with a primary instruction mode of In Person with transition to Online will in most cases also have an Online version for students who will participate in the course remotely.

Instruction modes for Ithaca-based students

If you are participating in Fall 2020 courses from the Ithaca area and will be here by September 2, you can enroll in any instruction mode.

Please keep in mind that faculty have the option of giving in-person exams for Ithaca-based students enrolled in any course, regardless of its instruction mode (i.e., including Online and Distance Learning Asynchronous courses). A list of courses that will be giving in-person prelims and/or semi-final exams will be available at registrar.cornell.edu once the semester begins.

Ithaca-based students who have health-related concerns about taking in-person exams during the Fall 2020 semester should contact Student Disability Services (sds.cornell.edu) as soon as possible. You will be asked to complete a Disability Self-Disclosure Form and then be assigned an SDS counselor who will work with you to determine reasonable accommodations.

Instruction mode for Ithaca-based students	Eligible to enroll in?
In Person	YES ✓
In Person with transition to Online	YES ✓
Hybrid – Online & In Person	YES ✓
Online	YES ✓
Distance Learning Asynchronous	YES ✓
Directed Research	YES ✓
Independent Studies	YES ✓

Instruction modes for students transitioning to Ithaca

If you are participating in Fall 2020 courses with an intent to move to the Ithaca area as soon as travel restrictions are lifted, you can enroll in any instruction mode -- with one very <u>important caveat</u> to know. *Only enroll in courses that include an **Online** version.*

The vast majority of courses offer an **Online** version, but there are a few exceptions you will need to avoid (e.g., some lab and field-based courses, and in-person only First-year Writing Seminars). If you don't see an Online version of the course you're interested in, choose a different course.

The reason you can enroll in "**In Person," "In Person with transition to Online**," and/or "**Hybrid – Online & In Person"** courses is so a physical seat can be saved for you, should you want it. Until you arrive in the Ithaca area, however, you will need to participate in the course remotely. Therefore, it is critical that any "**In Person**," "**In Person with Transition to Online**," or "**Hybrid – Online & In Person"** course in which you enroll also offers an **Online** version.

Instruction mode for students transitioning to Ithaca	Eligible to enroll in?
In Person	**YES (if course has Online version)**
In Person with transition to Online	**YES (if course has Online version)**
Hybrid – Online & In Person	**YES (if course has Online version)**
Online	**YES ✓**
Distance Learning Asynchronous	**YES ✓**
Directed Research	**YES ✓**
Independent Studies	**YES ✓**

Instruction modes for students who won't be in Ithaca

If you are participating in Fall 2020 courses from outside the Ithaca area, you can only enroll in courses that include an **Online** version. The vast majority of courses offer an **Online** version, but there are a few exceptions you will need to avoid (e.g., some lab and field-based courses, and in-person only First-year Writing Seminars). If you don't see an **Online** version of the course you're interested in, choose a different course.

If you are considering courses that are listed as "**In Person,**" "**In Person with transition to Online,**" or "**Hybrid – Online & In Person**," be sure to select the **Online** version when you enroll. For these courses, you will be participating remotely with students and instructors who are in a classroom in Ithaca.

Some courses are only listed as **Online**. This means that the instructors and all students, regardless of location, will participate in the course remotely.

If your time zone differs significantly from the Eastern time zone, please keep in mind how the scheduled meeting time of a course you are considering may affect your ability to participate in the course synchronously. Both fully **Online** courses, as well as **Online** versions of otherwise "**In Person**" or "**In Person with transition to Online**" courses, are scheduled to take place at a specific time.

Instruction mode for students who won't be in Ithaca	Eligible to enroll in?
In Person	**NO** ✖
In Person with transition to Online	**NO** ✖
Hybrid – Online & In Person	**NO** ✖
Online	**YES** ✔
Distance Learning Asynchronous	**YES** ✔
Directed Research	**YES** ✔
Independent Studies	**YES** ✔

Example: Lecture offered as "Hybrid – Online & In Person" or "Online" with discussion section offered as "In Person with transition to Online" or "Online"

This image shows that the instruction mode of the lecture (LEC) component of this course is offered in two modes: "**Hybrid - Online and In-Person**" OR **Online.** The discussion (DIS) component is also offered in two modes: "**In Person with transition to Online**" OR **Online.**

- *If you will be in Ithaca, or will be transitioning to Ithaca,* you can enroll in any of the options. Guidance: If you don't want Cornell to reserve a physical seat for you in the classroom, you would enroll in one "Online" LEC (9687 or 19726) and one "Online" DIS (9692, 9693, or 10145). If you want a physical seat reserved for you, you would enroll in the "Hybrid - Online and In-Person" LEC and one "In Person with transition to Online" (DIS 9688, 9689, or 9691).
- *If you won't be in Ithaca*, you would enroll in one Online LEC (9687 or 19726) and one Online DIS (9692, 9693, or 10145).

Example: "Online"

This image shows that there is only one instruction mode for this course, **Online**, which means the instructors and all students, regardless of their location, will participate remotely.

Example: "In Person Transition to Online" and "Online"

This image shows that the instruction mode of this course is **"In Person Transition to Online,"** which means it begins with in-person instruction during scheduled meeting times, followed by a transition after Thanksgiving to online instruction for all students until the end of the semester. There is also an **Online** version for students participating remotely in the fall 2020 semester.

- *If you will be transitioning to Ithaca* and you want Cornell to reserve a physical seat for you in the classroom, enroll in the "In Person Transition to Online" version (18828), since you can see that there is also an Online version (18829), which means you'll be able to participate remotely until you arrive in Ithaca.

2. Enrollment: When and how?

As in previous semesters:
All sections, regardless of instruction mode, have enrollment cap limits. Specific enrollment restrictions may be enforced at the discretion of faculty or departments.

Enrollment period (last week of August):
Will happen in two rounds, with times allotted by class year

- Round 1 – you can enroll in up to 6 credits (limited so that the ability to choose in-person instruction modes is distributed across graduate students, seniors, juniors, sophomores, and first-year students)
- Round 2 – you can enroll in up to your maximum credit limit

Add/drop period begins September 2 (first day of classes)

Round 1 enrollment periods

You can enroll in up to 6 credits. (Limited so that the ability to choose in-person instruction modes is distributed across graduate students, seniors, juniors, sophomores, and first-year students.)

Class Year	Round 1 Date/Time Begin (Eastern Time)	Round 1 Date/Time End (Eastern Time)
Graduate*	August 26 at 6 am	August 26 at 4 pm
Seniors	August 26 at 9 am	August 26 at 7 pm
Juniors	August 26 at 1 pm	August 26 at 11 pm
Sophomores	August 27 at 7 am	August 27 at 5 pm
First-Years	August 27 at 10 am	August 27 at 8 pm

* Professional students (MBA, Law, and Vet) enroll during Round 2

Round 2 enrollment periods

You can enroll in up to your maximum credit limit.

Class Year	Round 2 Date/Time Begin (Eastern Time)	Round 2 Date/Time End (Eastern Time)
Graduate/ Professional/ Seniors	August 28 at 7 am	September 1 at 11:59 pm *
Juniors	August 28 at 10 am	September 1 at 11:59 pm *
Sophomores	August 28 at 1 pm	September 1 at 11:59 pm *
First-Years	August 31 at 8 am	September 1 at 11:59 pm *

* Open enrollment (add/drop) begins September 2 at 12:00 midnight. You can add open courses as long as they are offered in an instruction mode that meets your needs.

Add/drop deadlines

September 16 - Regular Session Add ends for most classes
October 28 - Regular Session Drop ends for most classes
registrar.cornell.edu/calendar/2020-2021

3. Key academic dates

September 7 (Labor Day) - classes will be held
October 14 - no classes
Prelims (preliminary exams) held based on faculty request, regardless of instruction mode
November 14-16 - study days
November 17-24 - semi-final exams, held based on faculty request, regardless of instruction mode
November 25-29 - Thanksgiving break; all students transition home and leave campus
November 30-December 16 - instruction resumes with all courses online
December 17-21 - final exams online

4. Re-entry Checklist and Cornell Student Behavioral Compact

The Cornell Student Behavioral Compact outlines a clear set of expectations for student behavior to minimize transmission of COVID-19 during the 2020-21 academic year. All students – undergraduate, graduate, and professional – are required to complete the COVID-19 educational training and to attest to the Behavioral Compact before they are able to enroll in classes.

The Re-entry Checklist is your guide to a safe start to the semester. Whether you are a first-year, transfer, or returning student, you will be required to take several actions, including providing an address for the fall semester and emergency contact information.

5. Who can help you

Advising
covid.cornell.edu/students/advising/

College Registrar
registrar.cornell.edu/service-resources/college-registrar-directory

Office of University Registrar
http://registrar.cornell.edu/