

December 16, 2020
Preparing for Spring 2021 Instruction
Sent to Academic Senate and Academic Federation Members

Dear Colleagues,

I sent the below email to deans and department chairs, and I am forwarding it to you so that you can be directly informed about course planning for spring 2021.

Please contact me with any questions.

Take care,
Richard

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Dear Deans and Department Chairs,

The Academic Senate expects that public health directives will limit the size and number of courses that UC Davis can teach in person in spring quarter 2021. Campus administration will provide more information in the coming weeks. In the interim, I write to provide guidance regarding remote and virtual instruction for spring 2021.

Last week, the Academic Senate Executive Council voted to allow emergency remote instruction to continue in spring 2021. Therefore, as with recent quarters, courses taught via remote instruction in spring 2021 do not need to go through the Senate's formal course approval process.

The Academic Senate Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI) recognizes that moving in-person courses to a remote mode of instruction may require some changes in course content. COCI asks that, to the extent possible, instructors maintain the curriculum originally planned for a course and, when making modifications, preserve essential information needed to achieve the course's primary learning outcomes and ensure the course will continue to be an adequate prerequisite to subsequent courses.

If you are interested in creating a permanent virtual course, whether that course is new or a virtually-adapted version of an existing in-person course, you will need to submit a new course proposal through the normal course approval process using the [Integrated Curriculum Management System](#) (ICMS). Requests for new virtual or hybrid courses to be offered in spring 2021 (and intended to be permanent

courses) must be approved at the department and college levels and submitted to COCI by the college committee no later than February 1, 2021.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our teaching mission. Please contact me with any questions.

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