



ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
MID-SOUTH

November 9, 2020

Greyhound Nation,

After careful consideration and in an abundance of caution, **Arkansas State University Mid-South will shift to remote delivery of instruction, beginning November 30, 2020.** As the number of positive COVID-19 cases continues to rise in the region, state, and country, we hope this step will mitigate the risk of exposure for members of our campus community by limiting the numbers of individuals on campus and in classroom spaces.

Please note that students will still be expected to participate in their classes during the four remaining instructional days following Fall Break. Students will receive assignments from their instructors through normal communication channels (Canvas, text, and email). Students should await guidance from their instructor(s) regarding delivery of final exam(s), including date(s), time(s), and method of delivery.

Exceptions to the College's shift to remote delivery of instruction will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, specifically for students enrolled in courses and/or programs that may require students to attend in-person after Fall Break, whether for certification or licensing examinations, to meet minimum instructional hours mandated by an accrediting body or regulatory agency, or to complete critical and necessary hands-on instruction related to learning outcomes. Should a particular class or examination require in-person attendance after Fall Break, the instructor for the course will provide more detailed guidance regarding attendance requirements and scheduling through normal communication channels by Monday, November 16, 2020.

The shift to remote delivery of instruction does not mean that our campus will be closed. The shift to remote delivery of instruction is merely intended to reduce the number of students on campus and, particularly, in classroom settings following the Thanksgiving holiday.

As of today, the Spring 2021 semester will proceed as scheduled and will begin on January 11, 2021, as noted in the Academic Calendar. However, we will continue to monitor information provided by local, state, and federal health officials and will share new plans and developments, as needs arise.

The fact that we have managed to successfully complete these eleven weeks of instruction without significant interruption is a testament to our students, faculty, and staff, and their willingness to follow our health and safety protocols, taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and others. Please continue to act responsibly by masking up, maintaining social distancing, and staying home if you feel ill. And please continue taking care of yourselves.

Sincerely,

Debra West, PH. D.
Chancellor