

From: Office of Communications and Marketing
To: NSU Students, Faculty, and Staff
Subject: Fall 2020 Semester Plan and Campus Opening

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The University campus will open for the Fall 2020 semester. As always, the University will adhere to any directives issued by government officials. The health, safety, and wellness of every member of our community will guide our decisions.

Information regarding the Fall 2020 semester and campus operations can be found below. The full University plan for reopening will be available on June 26, 2020.

Fall 2020 Semester:

- **Academic Calendar Overview:**

The Academic Calendar has been modified to reflect changes necessary to promote the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff. Below is an overview of the academic calendar:

August 22, 2020	New Student Residence Hall Move-In
August 24 - 25, 2020	Returning Student Residence Hall Move-in
August 26, 2020	Classes Begin
September 4, 2020	Drop/Add Deadline & All Tuition and Fees Due for Fall 2020 Semester
September 7, 2020	Labor Day – No Classes
November 18 – November 25, 2020	Finals Week
November 25, 2020	Semester Ends

NOTE: There will be no fall break.

The University will plan for Commencement activities for Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 graduates. We will adhere to guidance issued by government officials regarding the hosting of large events.

A complete academic calendar will be available Friday, June 26, 2020.

- **Course Delivery:**

- To promote social distancing and safety, courses will be delivered to students in the following formats:
 - **In-Class** – students will attend class face-to-face pending class size.
 - **Hybrid (In-class/synchronous) instruction** – Students will attend class, both face-to-face with reduced classroom size and attend class synchronously via the University learning platform – **Blackboard** – on alternating days.
 - **Online/Asynchronous Instruction** – students will receive instruction via the University learning platform – **Blackboard** – by engaging with material provided and/or recorded by faculty.
 - **Synchronous** – students and faculty will engage with each other during scheduled times through the University learning platform – **Blackboard**.

- **Tuition and Fees:**
 - **There will be no increase in tuition, fees, or room and board for the 2020/2021 Academic Year.**
 - Students may make payments to the NSU Cashier's Office. Please contact 757-823-8545 or log on to [MyNSU](#) Spartan Self Service to submit payments online.

- **Resources for Students:**
 - **Academic Advising:**
 - Freshman/Sophomore students (less than 60 credits) should contact the Patricia Lynch Stith Student Success Center for Academic Advising. Please call 757-823-8507 or email ssc@nsu.edu.
 - Junior and Senior students should contact their academic college/school for Academic Advising.
 - **Housing and Residential Life:**
 - Questions about housing options and housing assignments can be directed to Housing and Residence Life at 757-823-8407 or housing@nsu.edu
 - **Financial Aid:**
 - **One-Stop-Shop** for Registration, Financial Aid & Assistance, Academic Advising, Balance and Fee Payments will occur between **August 24 – September 4, 2020**.
 - Questions about Financial Aid can be directed to the Office of Financial Aid at 757-823-8381 or email at Financial Aid at financialaid@nsu.edu.
 - **Virtual Orientation for New Students:**
 - For new freshman and transfer students, information regarding the virtual orientation may be found [here](#).
 - **Registration:**
 - Questions about registration can be directed to the Office of the University Registrar at 757-823-8377 or registrar@nsu.edu.

Campus Operations:

- Dining services will adhere to social distancing guidelines and measures to promote health and safety.
- Students, staff, and faculty will all be required to wear masks inside of campus facilities. See Guidance [See Guidance Provided by Governor Ralph Northam](#). The University will be providing masks to students.
- Handwashing protocols must be followed.
- Sanitizing stations will be available.

Faculty and Staff working arrangements:

- To support the academic enterprise and campus operations, each department will designate employees/faculty to perform work-related tasks on campus. Division Vice Presidents will send communications notifying employees designated to return-to-work.
- Employees eligible to telecommute will continue telecommuting until further notice.
- The Office of Human Resources will continue to provide information and guidance related to employee leave options. Please contact the Office of Human Resources at 757-823-8160.

University and Athletic Events:

- The Department of Athletics is awaiting guidance from the NCAA, the MEAC, and the Commonwealth of Virginia regarding any criteria and/or directives for hosting intercollegiate sports and sporting events on campus.

Campus Events:

- The University will take steps to promote a healthy and safe campus environment. The nature and format of campus events will change and be modified to adhere to any guidance or directives designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and any other health risks.

The University will release a comprehensive document providing detailed information regarding the Fall 2020 semester, campus opening and operations, and methods that will be employed to promote a healthy and safe environment. This document will be posted on June 26, 2020.