



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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Tiger Family:

Texas Southern University is committed to continuing its mission of education, achievement, and being a resource for the community with plans to safely return to campus in preparation for the Fall 2020 semester. With that in mind, our return to campus is being structured very differently to ensure the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff.

We have completely redesigned the course schedule into a 13-week semester to further minimize risks.

Please note that your class times and modes of instruction may have changed. What does that mean? If you look at the definitions below, this will help explain:

- Face to Face/In-Person Classes: A course in which the classroom instruction is provided in person, where the instructors and students are in the same place on campus.
Adjustments: This instruction will now take place with social distancing guidelines. Students will need to enter and exit buildings in a designated manner. Everyone will be required to wear face coverings and maintain the 6 feet of distancing. Class sizes will be reduced for these types of classes.
- Hybrid Course: A mixture or combination of both online and face to face class instruction. Students will have some in-person classroom meetings and also participate in online class instruction. Hybrid courses are labeled as Hybrid (**H**) in Banner and will have the required in person meeting times listed.
- Online: A course that is offered fully online. A student receives instruction, assignments, and completes all work online through a computer or device.
- Online Synchronous: Learning that is completely online, however, may require real-time interaction. With this method, students may be required to meet “virtually” or online at a set time. This is all done remotely.

As noted, additional modalities of instruction have been added to support the continuation of interactive instruction, for example, for class labs, and other courses that may involve practical instruction. Course learning outcomes, objectives, resources, and safety were all considered in determining how courses would be offered.

As we plan for students to return on August 19th, we have been working steadfast through a phased approach to ensure our safe *Return to TigerLand*.

Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols have been outlined campus-wide and will continue in response to the pandemic. All social distancing guidelines will continue throughout our return. It is critical that we all stay tuned to the latest announcements on tsu.edu and official campus email to stay informed. This is an evolving situation, and appreciate your flexibility, patience, alertness, and consideration for our fellow Tigers as we adopt new practices to keep our campus community safe.

As always, GO TIGERS!