

USU - Fall 2020

**Ensuring Student
Success and
Institutional
Readiness**



UtahStateUniversityTM
ACADEMIC & INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

USU in COVID-19 Crisis

- Issued over \$2M in housing, meal plan, and parking refunds.
- Students accessed classes from all 50 states and 28 countries. Over 9,000,000 hours of class lecture viewed mid-March to May.
- Over 100 virtual student events, inclusion, student leadership.
- USU rural online initiative demand up 300% since mid-March.
- \$2.5M grant from NIH to the USU Institute of Antiviral Research – test antiviral compounds related to coronavirus.
- Farmers Feeding Utah partnership with Utah Farm Bureau.
- Increased general USU extension services from gardening, mental health, food storage, and family relationships.
- Distributed over \$8M directly to USU students from CARES Act

Fall 2020 Academic Plan

- Social distancing in classrooms (30-45% capacity)
- Eight different course instructional methods
 - Face-to-face
 - Web Broadcast (Zoom)
 - Online
 - Hybrid
 - Blended
- Classroom sanitizing/cleaning and face coverings
- Accommodating students who are isolating and quarantined
- Course scheduling: prioritize limited upper division courses and *face-to-face courses for new students*
- Special protocols for research and teaching lab spaces



Faculty and Student Preparation

Faculty

- Support by course instructional method
- Workshops, individual sessions, departmental training
- Quality standards and best practices
- Adaptable and prepared!

USU *Ready*

Students

- Address “remote learning fatigue”
- Build academic skills
- Provide instructional method specific tools
- Enriching teaching/learning experiences
- Encourage completion!



Student Life

Student Residence Halls

- Diligently planning for Fall 2020 resident life on campus.
- Extending the time for students to move in; students will have specific move in times.
- Training of resident life staff to know best infection prevention practices, recognition of symptoms, and procedures for addressing possible infections.
- Rigorous communication with student residents and establishment of an on-campus living culture that respects the safety and health of all.



Student Health, Well-being and Involvement

- Encourage students to follow the COVID-19 safety guidelines and procedures issued by the university, state and local health departments, and government officials.
- Place special emphasis upon highlighting the counseling and psychological services available to students throughout the USU system.
- Encourage students to get involved, stay connected to each other, volunteer and render service, and otherwise be a fully-engaged member of the Aggie family.