



Faculty Affairs News 147 - July 16, 2020

Fall 2020 Planning

- **Update on International Students.** We are cautiously optimistic but are awaiting the details of the [latest actions](#) by the federal government to rescind rules that would have negatively impacted international students taking online courses, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Updates are posted by the [Office of International Education](#).
- **MyMav Course Modalities.** Updates continue to [Fall course modalities](#) in MyMav, with F2F assignments approximately 80% completed. Please log into MyMav to see the modality for your courses. The full Modality definition list is available on the [UTA COVID website](#). A legend is available on each page but it only includes the modalities listed on that page, not all modalities. Courses are listed first as hybrid, face to face, and online, then a second modality is listed providing the specifics (e.g. Hybrid 1, Online 2, etc.). For questions, please reach out to mcosio@uta.edu.
- **Course Modality Changes.** Faculty seeking to change the modality of their courses after the July 13 update, must receive approval from their department chair, who can then submit a Course Change Form to the Registrar's office. Current rules apply, including avoiding changes if students are enrolled in the course.
- **New Language in Syllabi.** The Canvas syllabus template contains updated face covering policy in classrooms, and a section for faculty to add technology requirements for their Fall courses (webcams, proctoring software, use of Teams). Faculty are encouraged to post a sample syllabus in Canvas as soon as possible so students understand the nuances of the modality chosen, and acquire any needed equipment or training.
- **Space for Course Exams.** Since the campus will close to face-to-face interactions after the Thanksgiving break, a subgroup is exploring options for faculty that wish to administer face to face exams before Nov. 24. Options for using labs with computers, as well as large spaces that can be used for administering exams while maintaining social distancing, are being explored.

Fall 2020 Listening Sessions Continue

A listening session for advisors is being held on July 22 to provide them an opportunity to engage with the Fall 2020 Task Force. The staff listening session was held July 2, with approximately 840 in attendance. The questions presented are being organized into an FAQ to distribute as a resource guide. Additional listening sessions are being planned with students and other stakeholders. For questions, please contact Fall2020@uta.edu.

New Teams Feature: Together Mode and Gallery View

Faculty and staff can now use two new features in Teams, the first allows you see up to 50 people in video chats by using Large Gallery View. The second feature allows you to engage in a virtual room by using Together Mode. [To enable and learn more about Together Mode or Large Gallery View click here for more information](#). For questions, please contact Lee.Pierce@uta.edu.

New COVID Federal Leave

Beginning on April 1, 2020, UTA will offer COVID-19 employee paid sick leave (EPSL) and expanded [Family and Medical Leave \(EFML\)](#) to all eligible UTA employees (excluding health care providers and first responders) pursuant to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The leave provided under the FFCRA does not modify an employee's right to use sick, personal, or vacation time, as set forth in our current policies. Rather, these new provisions expand UTA's employee benefits by requiring that UTA temporarily grant additional leave to certain employees due to COVID-19. To apply, please contact Leave Services at 817-272-5554 or email: Rosa Newman mewman@uta.edu or Paul Thompson paul.thompson@uta.edu.

Upcoming Events

View more [upcoming events](#) on our Faculty Affairs website.

Masks REQUIRED

June 30

All UTA students, faculty and staff are [required to wear a mask](#) in campus buildings and in classes. Students needing special accommodations can refer to the [Office of Students with Disabilities](#). The UTA Syllabus now contains language on this new requirement.

Visitor Parking Update

July 17 at 9 am

Please join Parking Services for a Teams Live Event Friday, July 17 at 9 AM for a quick demonstration of the new visitor management options. These options become effective at 8 AM on Monday, July 20.

The [Teams Live event](#) will be recorded and posted to the Parking & Transportation Services [website](#) afterward.

Faculty Training for Fall

July 20

Faculty seeking to design hybrid or online courses are invited to live sessions as well as self-paced courses offered by CRTLE and CDE. A two-week faculty boot camp for designing fall courses will kick off July 20. Registration information is available through the [CRTLE webpage](#).

Echo 360 Training

July 21

Faculty are invited to learn how to use this nimble videoconferencing tool that allows for live streaming lectures or other course content, and close-captioning of materials delivered. Register [here](#).

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