Fall 2020 Planning

- Update on International Students. We are cautiously optimistic but are awaiting the details of the travel ban by the federal government to determine what our校 would be and whether international students taking online courses, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Updates are posted by the Office of International Education.
- MyMax Course Modalities. Updates continue to Fall courses. Updates to MyMax, with F2P assignments approximately 80% completed. Please log into MyMax to see the modality for your courses. The fall modality definition is listed 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 in 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 microservices@uta.edu.
- Course Modality Changes. Faculty seeking to change the modality of their courses after the July 15 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 close-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 rooms that can be used for administering exams while maintaining social distancing, are being explored.

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