

August 13, 2020

Dear Students,

Many of you have been anxiously awaiting more details about class offerings and our operations for this upcoming year. Today we are announcing more details about the university's "Max Flex" approach for instruction this fall. **In order to minimize potential health-related disruptions in instruction and to maintain our attentiveness to public health concerns, Eastern will offer only online instruction after the Thanksgiving/Native American Heritage day holiday break.**

This means that any course approved for in-person instruction will not meet in person after the holiday: this includes finals week. By limiting in-person interactions, we will mitigate the possible transmission of infection and allow us the best possible start-up environment for students and faculty in winter quarter and spring semester.

Students currently enrolled in courses for fall will be notified by the Registrar if their course is one of the few that will be approved to move to an in-person format. Students are also encouraged to reach out to their Department Chair for course updates relevant to their degree program, or to their [CAAR](#) advisor if undeclared. [EagleNet](#) will be updated in September with the full course schedule and modalities.

Date ranges for the limited classes approved for in-person instruction:

**Semester**

In-person instruction runs August 24 through November 20

Last day of instruction is Dec.11

Final exams Dec. 14-17

Grades due Dec. 22

*\*Instruction and finals can take place online, but no in-person instruction permitted after Friday, November 20.*

**Quarter**

In-person instruction runs September 23 through November 24

Last day of instruction is Dec. 4

Final exams Dec. 7-10

Grade due Dec. 15

*\*Instruction and finals can take place online, but no in-person instruction permitted after Tuesday, November 24.*

You may notice that the end of the term is still the same, so instruction can continue online after Thanksgiving, finals are still scheduled for in-person courses, but everything must be done in an online format.

**We welcome students to continue living on-campus after the courses transition to the online-only format**, and we will provide them with all the necessary support services.

Earlier this week, the university also announced that all fall sports, including football, volleyball and men's and women's cross-country, and women's soccer, have been postponed until spring.

We know that on-campus and in-person activities are an important component of the college experience, and EWU will continue to provide student activities in a safe format, such as virtual programming. Throughout the entirety of next year, we will provide tele-support services (Zoom/phone) for everything we also provide in-person. Students will have options to remotely engage with Counseling Services, Disability Support Services, Student Care, Health & Wellness, and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

The [Guide to Fall 2020 website](#) will continue to be updated with this and more information related to fall operations.

For information related specifically to COVID-19, please visit EWU's [coronavirus website](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Sauders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rob Sauders  
Vice President for Student Affairs



