

University COVID-19 Syllabus Policies and Guidelines

A. Student Guidelines

1. **Student Code of Conduct**: The University aims to fulfill its mission while protecting the health and safety of our students and campus community at large. This includes taking steps to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19. The University will adhere to the orders, proclamations, and regulations of the Governor of Louisiana and the Mayor-President of Lafayette, Louisiana, and will continue to monitor guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Louisiana Department of Health (“LDH”) regarding COVID-19 (collectively, “Public Health Guidance”). These COVID-19 Syllabus Policies and Guidelines are subject to change based on updates made to Public Health Guidance. This impacts the expectations of all students as the University continues to make public health informed decisions to protect health and safety on campus. Students should read and understand the addendum to the [Code of Student Conduct](#) regarding COVID-19 and Public Health-Informed Policies, and any updates thereto.
2. **University’s Face Covering Policy**: To assist in decreasing the spread of COVID-19, all students are required to adhere to and comply with the University’s Face Covering Policy. For more information regarding this Policy, please visit <https://policies.louisiana.edu/alphabetical/f/face-covering-policy>.

Students who have concerns about wearing masks due to a disability or medical condition may discuss an accommodation of the University's Face Covering Policy with the Office of Disability Services. In order to discuss an accommodation for the Fall 2021 semester, students must first register with Disability Services. All registrants will be contacted to arrange a meeting for further discussion. Learn more about Disability Services and accommodations on the [Student COVID-19 Response](#) page. Email questions to ods@louisiana.edu.

3. **COVID-19 Attendance**: If you are experiencing any signs or symptoms associated with COVID-19 (refer to the most recent Public Health Guidance on possible symptoms), or do not feel well for any reason, do not come to class or to campus. First, complete the [Student COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Form](#). A representative from the Student Health Services COVID-19 response team will call you to complete a case investigation and instruct you on next steps. You must participate in the case investigation. If you need to be seen by a doctor for the symptoms you are experiencing, contact Student Health Services (337-482-1293) or your medical provider to schedule an appointment. Next, contact your instructors to inform them of your situation (i.e., if you have been instructed to quarantine or isolate, etc.) and discuss possible arrangements and ways to keep up with your courses. Do not wait until you are behind to reach out to your instructors. Options

for possible arrangements will vary depending on the nature of the course, how much class time and coursework is missed, and when during the semester/term you are unable to participate. Contact your instructor and academic advisor to discuss options or if you have questions.

Students are responsible for all coursework missed. Existing policies guiding attendance, absences, and the effects of excessive absences shall be adhered to for extended absences due to illness or other Covid-19 related circumstances. These policies are found in the [University Catalog](#).

Student Health Services will monitor your quarantine/isolation period. At the end of the quarantine/isolation time frame, you must complete a self-certification form, stating that you do not have any symptoms, or that your symptoms have improved. Student Health Services will email you a Return to Class form that you will turn in to your instructor. You cannot return to class without this form. If you have any additional questions regarding COVID-19, contact the COVID call center at 337-482-1399.

Learn more on the University's [Student COVID-19 Response page](#). If you have any questions or concerns, email deanofstudents@louisiana.edu.

4. **Health or Safety Risk:** The University may request or require a student to leave campus when that student's continued presence on campus poses a health or safety risk for community members.

B. Faculty Response to Failure by Students to Wear Masks/Face Coverings

Academic departments will procure a supply of masks through Facilities Management to make available to faculty for students who do not have a mask or face covering. If a student is required to wear a mask or face covering but is not wearing one as required in academic areas, faculty will provide a mask to the student and inform the student that it is a violation of the Face Covering Policy and the Code of Student Conduct to not wear a mask. If the student does not use the mask, the student will be required to leave the classroom and the faculty will advise them that they will report it as a violation of the Face Covering Policy and the Code of Student Conduct. The faculty will complete the [Community Reporting Form](#) found on the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities website. Any class missed due to a student's failure to adhere to the requirement of wearing a mask will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

The student will not be allowed into the academic setting until clearance has been provided from the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students should stay in contact via e-mail with their instructors/professors pending clearance.