Start of Term Guide for On-Campus Instructors, Fall 2021

SUMMARY: We're getting fall ready. In this document you will find essential health and safety information for a successful term of in-person teaching on U of A campuses. All of this information is also available online through the COVID-19 website or the Campus Life web hub for the academic year. The purpose of this quick reference resource is to highlight critical information in one place. If you have any questions after reviewing this document, please email phrtinfo@ualberta.ca. As always during the COVID-19 pandemic, the information enclosed here is subject to change according to provincial or institutional safety measures. The Campus Life webpage will be updated if changes are made to classes, exams, or other aspects of student life.

➤ For instructors: Information for instructors about transitioning to campus
➤ For all employees: Transitioning to on-campus work

A similar Start of Term Health & Safety Guide for On-Campus Students, Fall 2021 is also available.

Mandatory campus safety e-course

Fall Ready | Coming to Campus 2021 is a short mandatory eCourse for all students, staff and faculty participating in on-campus activities this term. The 10-minute course will help you understand potential hazards and what you can do to protect yourself, your colleagues, and your family. Due to changes in health and safety practices, all employees and students who have completed a previous version of the eCourse are also expected to complete this new Fall 2021 version. Please remind students to complete the course if communicating with them in advance.

Access to spaces on campus

Most university buildings are open as of August 3, 2021, with just a few exceptions. See a list of open buildings and their operating hours. If needed, a properly-coded ONEcard or key will be required for your team members or students to gain access to locked buildings.

UAB.ca/hours provides up-to-date building hours and identifies the exterior entrance for ONEcard access. Please note that you will still have the building accesses (buildings, spaces, floors, and doors -- including exterior doors) you were previously granted by your Faculty Access Control Administrator.

If your ONEcard access is not working, email bss.support@ualberta. If you do not have a ONEcard yet, visit ualberta.ca/onecard for instructions.

Academic departments control access to labs, studios and other specialized learning spaces as per normal procedures.
On-campus COVID-19 safety

The below information is summarized on the U of A Campus Safety Checklist.

✓ Fully vaccinated OR rapid testing
  Starting September 1, all those coming to campus will be required to be fully vaccinated, or undergo regular rapid testing. U of A students, faculty and staff will need to confidentially self-declare their vaccination status before coming to campus. There are several locations on campus where you can get vaccinated. See the COVID-19 website for more details.

✓ Daily health check
  If you’re feeling sick, stay home, notify your supervisor or instructor, and follow Alberta Health Services advice. More info: COVID-19 procedures for staff and students who are ill.

✓ Masks required use
  You are required to wear a non-medical or fabric mask in all indoor common spaces, with very few exceptions. This includes: classrooms, labs, office, and meeting rooms. For more details, please review the U of A mask policy.

✓ Physical distancing
  Respectful physical distancing and smaller groups are encouraged whenever possible.

✓ Cleaning and sanitation in classrooms, labs, and other workspaces
  Cleaning and sanitation protocols are followed on campuses, with a focus on washrooms, high-touch surfaces and high-traffic areas. Your department is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing: workbenches; laboratory benches; desktops and cabinets; fume hoods; laboratory, research, athletic and maintenance equipment; studios and specialized work and instructional spaces.

✓ COVID-19 Rapid Response & sick procedures
  All U of A community members are expected to stay home if they have had any COVID-19 symptoms during the past ten days. They should stay home and not come to campus until their symptoms have resolved, they are feeling better, or they receive a negative COVID-19 test result.

  If students or participants test positive for COVID-19 AND they have been on campus in the past 14 days they are to immediately advise their instructor(s) or supervisor(s).

  Your role as an instructor: If one of your students or participants informs you that they have tested positive for COVID-19 AND have been on campus in the last 14 days, refer your student to the COVID-19 sick protocols and contact the U of A Rapid Response Triage Team as soon as possible. Email your name and the phone number where you can be reached to phrt.triage@ualberta.ca. A triage member will contact you shortly.

  Please read these additional essential resources:
  ● Sick procedures for staff and students
  ● U of A Rapid Response Plan
  ● Protocol for Notifications Regarding Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

✓ Checking in with Here@UAAlberta
  Here@UAAlberta enhances contact tracing on our campuses if needed. It is a simple, online, self check-in tool that U of A employees and students use to share the buildings and rooms they visit while on campus.
Managing health and safety in the classroom

This year’s in-class experience is different. It is important to set expectations regarding the shared responsibility everyone has in community health and safety during COVID-19. At the start of the first class you may wish to advise your students of the following:

1. Health and safety is a shared responsibility among all members of our community.
2. If you are feeling ill or have symptoms, stay home. If you are on campus and begin to feel unwell, return home immediately.
3. Remind students of the importance of regularly checking their ulberta email for essential U of A information regarding COVID-19 response notifications.
4. The university encourages on-campus community members to use the here.ualberta.ca campus check-in tool as a means to support COVID-19 response notifications.
5. If a student appears to have symptoms and attends class, the instructor may ask them to leave.
6. If the instructor believes that the health and safety of the class is at risk for any reason, they may choose to cancel the class.
7. Up-to-date information on public safety related to COVID-19 can be found at uab.ca/covid19.

Emergencies

911 for Police/Fire/Medical Emergency | After 911, call UAPS at 780-492-5050.
Review ulberta.ca/emergency for a full listing of U of A emergency information and procedures.

Community and campus safety are a shared responsibility. Thank you in advance for doing your part.

COVID-19 information for the U of A community: uab.ca/covid19
General enquiries: U of A Public Health Response Team, phrtnfo@ualberta.ca
COVID-19 Rapid Response support for on-campus supervisors, instructors and activity coordinators:
U of A Rapid Response Triage Team, phrt.triage@ualberta.ca