



ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Westmont has been planning for the new academic year, which has required some careful adjustments in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. We remain attentive to the regulations and guidelines of government officials and health experts as we continue to prepare for the return of in-person instruction.

A key part of our planning has been to assess all instructional spaces to ensure that there is physical distancing in each setting that complies with the CDC recommendations. As a result, many of the courses in the original schedule have been changed to new locations to guarantee appropriate physical separation. Several non-traditional spaces—such as Murchison Gym and Page Multipurpose Room—will be used as instructional settings. Many professors will be using a few outdoor spaces for selected class sessions.

A small group of classes (about 30-35) will be offered entirely online. Another 25 or so will be offered in some hybrid form, usually where half the class attends on one day and half participate remotely, either via video conferencing or asynchronously.

In most cases, laboratory and studio courses require specialized spaces, so that these courses could not be moved to new or larger rooms. We have been able to meet this challenge by adding a few new lab sections and developing some cohort models. Nearly 30 of the laboratory or studio courses will be using this cohort model, where on one day half the class uses the traditional facility and the other half does asynchronous work. Those assignments will switch for the next class session.

WebAdvisor has the updated schedule of courses for Fall 2020. Student may check their current course schedule on WebAdvisor to see whether any of their courses have been changed to online or hybrid instruction. WebAdvisor has the current room assignments and the adjusted start and end times of classes.

Students with online or hybrid courses will be receiving notification directly from their professors prior to the start of the semester about how to log in for the courses or where they should appear for the first class sessions. Students who want to make changes to their registration can do so via WebAdvisor by August 30.

All of the classes will remain in their regularly scheduled time slots in the academic schedule, though an additional five minutes have been added between classes in the mornings and early afternoons so there is more time for cleaning of seats and tables and more time for the transit between classes.

Due to the strong enrollment for the fall, we will be adding several more general education courses to the schedule. Students who have not finished registration should contact the Office of the Registrar to finish their schedule.

Any student with medical concerns about in-person instruction can contact the Provost's Office about enrolling in remote classes.

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