

The seal of American University in Dubai is a circular emblem. It features a central shield divided into two halves: the left half shows a lit torch, and the right half shows an open book. Below the shield is a depiction of a classical building with columns and a dome. The shield is flanked by two olive branches. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN DUBAI" in English at the top and "جامعة الأمريكية في دبي" in Arabic at the bottom. The year "1995" is inscribed at the bottom center of the seal.

The Webinar will begin at 4:00 PM (GST)

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AUD Fall 2020 Reopening Webinar II

Q & A Session: August 25th, 2020 4:00 pm

Ms. Matilda Jabbour, Registrar

Dr. Sabrina Joseph, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Reminder from the addendum sent 11/08

INDICATORS OF NEED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE CAMPUS AND INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

While AUD has been working to resume partial on-campus and in-person operations, the health and safety of the AUD community remains our priority. As such, President Schmidt and the COVID Taskforce Committee are monitoring daily several indicators that could force a **change in our planning**.

Consultation with public health officials regarding easing campus restrictions and increasing or returning to on-campus operations:

- Confirmation of decreased viral virulence or infectivity and/or development of improved treatment methods.
- Widespread availability of immunization (safe vaccine).

Immediate action to move totally remote or online:

- Any orders mandating campus closure/decreased campus operations/work from home by government authorities.

General Campus Operations:

- Face coverings must be worn in all indoor areas (unless alone in a private office), and outdoors.
- Signage will provide instructions related to queuing, entry/exit, wearing of face coverings, occupancy, physical distancing, etc.
- Increased cleaning protocols are instituted for high-touch areas and multi-use areas (classrooms, restrooms, etc.).
- The Gym in C-Building will be closed.
- Students will have access to campus outside of their class timing within reason. There will be places on campus to study or wait between classes with social distancing in place.

Fees/Tuition

- There will be no fee/tuition increase this year and there will also be no reduced tuition for online courses.



Academic Instruction:

- 25% of courses are offered with some or all on-campus instruction; 75% of courses are offered as completely online instruction.
- All classrooms have been reconfigured to meet social distancing guidelines. Traditional event spaces, including the Gym, are being repurposed for classroom instruction.
- Consistent attendance policy is established across all classes, with provisions for illness or isolation requirements.
- All on-campus classroom instruction will be captured via video (*hyflex*) technology for use by students who cannot come to campus.

What happens after the first two weeks of the semester? Will online courses be extended for the rest of the semester?

After the first two weeks (during which all classes will be online), some classes will remain fully online while others will be offered in *hyflex* mode (simultaneously online and face-to face). Students will have the option to attend *hyflex* courses face to face or online (by completing an application). In the published course schedule, *hyflex* courses are labeled as 'OC'. The university is continuously assessing the situation and will inform students should there be any changes to this plan.

Will there be a penalty for students who are unable to return to the UAE before September 15th and have classes scheduled on campus?

If you have opted to attend an 'OC' course face to face and fail to show up to class on Sept. 15th, the regular attendance policy applies. If you are scheduled for an online class or have opted to attend a *hyflex* course online and do not show up, you will be marked absent for the course as per the rules laid out in the 'Remote Learning and Examination Guidelines for Students'.

For students who are outside the UAE and prefer to take their classes fully online, is there a form they need to fill out?

Yes, the online application link for *hyflex* will be emailed to all students who are registered for 'OC' (On-Campus) courses by the end of the drop/add period.

Are on-campus courses also available online for those who cannot come to campus?

Yes, classes will either be fully online or conducted in *hyflex* mode. During the first two weeks of the semester, all classes will be online in order to allow a smooth transition for students and faculty.

How will midterm and final exams for lecture courses be conducted? Will they be face to face or online?	All exams and quizzes will continue to be online.
Do <i>hyflex</i> courses have the same teachers? If students started online can they switch to on-campus at any time during the fall semester?	Students who are registered for On-Campus <i>hyflex</i> courses, and wish not to attend the face-to-face sessions, <u>can apply for the online option</u> through an application. This request can be edited later on if the student's circumstances change. For example, a student who is unable to get a visa to Dubai and applies for online attendance in a <i>hyflex</i> course for the whole semester, may edit the request anytime he/she gets the visa and then start attending face-to-face. Alternatively, a student attending a <i>hyflex</i> course online can also switch to attending face-to-face by applying through the application.
For courses that are all online, will students continue to have the <u>pass/fail option</u> ?	The Pass/No-Pass option will continue to be available to all students in Fall semester.
Will the classes offered online have different timings?	All courses will run as per the dates and times in the published Fall 2020 class schedule.
Will labs be on campus or they are also online?	The courses that have 'OC' in the section are offered in <i>hyflex</i> mode. All other courses are completely online.

My internal combustion engine course had a very practical project of assembling an engine and now it is gone because the university did not give it priority. Can you reconsider making it on-campus?

Please discuss with your school Dean or Chair.

Why are engineering courses not given priority in terms of face to face learning?

In order to protect the health and safety of AUD students, faculty and staff, the university is offering a limited number of classes on campus. Science labs are included in the on-campus offerings.

Will professors hold regular office hours, including for senior projects?

All faculty are required by the university to have scheduled office hours.

On-Campus Housing:


- All on-campus rooms at this time are single occupancy.
- There will be longer check-in time over ten days (August 20th – September 14th) to reduce density in lobbies, hallways, elevators, etc.
- 12 bed spaces, single rooms, held for isolation/quarantine.
- No visitors allowed.

Athletics

- A detailed schedule will be provided with the training sessions that the coaches will be offering virtually. For this term the teams will have at least 1 training a week as a team and another one a week open to AUD students.
- Collaborations with other athletics department of universities within AUD for online common sessions are being considered.
- Virtual workout/fitness sessions with different Personal trainers will be offered.
- JAM basketball Academy online sessions (JAM academy is providing free sessions for men and women's basketball teams).

Student Center

- All Prints Book store: Open Sunday to Thursday – timings not yet confirmed
- Wellprint: Open Sunday to Thursday – 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday – 10 am to 4 pm
- Starbucks: Closed. Pending Opening Info
- Kaakunada: Open daily, 8am – 10pm
- I Love Juice: Open Sunday to Thursday 9 am to 5 pm
- Sandellas' Flat Bread: closed until further notice
- Delicious Bites: Closed until further notice
- AUD Minimart: Closed until further notice
- Global Travel & Tourism: Open half-days on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Be You Beauty Salon: Open Sunday to Thursday – 9 am to 5 pm
- George Awkar Barber Shop: Open Sunday to Thursday – 9 am to 6 pm
- Gym: Closed
- Track: open to Resident Hall students

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- All New students are required to complete the New Student Orientation Program. The registration and access link was emailed this morning. <https://orientation.aud.edu> The orientation program is to be completed before August 30th. The live virtual orientation will take place August 31st.

AUD Online Learning Guide

- The guide is available at <https://www.aud.edu/important-official-documents/>



Questions and Answers:

- Will all lectures be recorded so we can go back to the recordings, if we need to clarify areas that we may not have understood the first time?
- What is the process for clarifying areas directly with professors, after the lectures that we may have not understood the first time and which may not be in the earlier recordings?
- Will there be any new on-line interactive learning tools?
- Will you be introducing a digital whiteboard so students can experience a near-physical face-to-face classroom experience?
- How can studio classes be both online and on campus and how would the professor manage between students in class and students online?
- Do we have the chance in the first 2 weeks to try on campus?
- Can we choose fully online even if it says both on campus.?

Questions and Answers, cont.:

- Can you please provide information about the *hyflex* program? If a student wishes to take all courses online, how will it work? Is it possible to take all courses online? Or you recommend students taking course on campus?
- If I am exposed to an infected student, I will presumably have to quarantine from the time I am exposed until I ultimately test negative. That could take a few weeks. How will my classes be handled in my absence? Will all of my classes be recorded?
- What happens if my professor gets sick and has to take weeks off? Will another professor take over? Different professors teaching the same subject invariably have different approaches and expectations
- The questions that are listed down below are related to the student athletes and *hyflex*.
 - For those who have an athletic scholarship, will they be taken away because no competitions are being held?
 - How will athletes conduct trainings?
 - If none of our classes have an OC next to the class code, do we need to fill in the application that is to be sent to us during add and drop week?
- Because we are online, will we still be using Blackboard Collaboration, like we did during the spring and summer semesters? Or will we be using a different application?