

Dear Students:

As we make our way through this temporary new "normal" created by the Coronavirus, we are all part of the global community making the necessary adjustments to keep our personal and professional lives moving forward. In the same way that no one is immune from the virus itself, no one is immune from the effects of the mandated self quarantining, social distancing and business operating restrictions required by local and national governments.

LCAD has made - and will continue to make - adjustments to adhere to these requirements. Our move to offer all of LCAD's classes online is being implemented to continue offering our curriculum with the same high standards you have come to expect, and under full support and authority granted by our accrediting institutions. These accommodations are being made across the entire community of Art and Design schools. The accreditation agencies know that students can still receive quality instruction that stays true to a school's curriculum can be offered effectively through the online channels of delivery. In response to Governor Newsom's recent stay-at-home mandates, another adjustment that we are making is the temporary closure of all on-campus labs and studios. You may contact Kerri Redeker by March 31st if you have personal items to retrieve. We will reopen these facilities and resources to our students and faculty as soon as the Governor's mandate has been lifted and we can ensure a safe and healthy environment. At LCAD, we understand that teaching our classes in an online environment, particularly the studio classes, may not be ideal or preferred by the various members of our community. But the temporary online adaptations we are building into our programs are all being meticulously customized to fit each class within our programs to ensure that all of the learning outcomes will be addressed and you will continue to build the skills needed to prepare for a career in your industry.

We are confident that once this spring semester has ended, that you will feel that you have received the same educational value as you have in past semesters. Our administration, Provost and entire faculty body are all working very hard to ensure that will be the case. However, if you feel you are experiencing extenuating circumstances adapting to the temporary new delivery channel, or should you feel that there may have been something missing in the distance learning approach we are utilizing, we are happy to invite you back, at no additional cost, to retake the class as soon as it is offered again in the classroom setting. We find comfort knowing that this is the same approach being taken by other AICAD institutions and countless other universities. Additionally, the school's existing policies on incompletes and failing grades will continue to apply. We also strongly advise against withdrawing from the class mid semester, because it would only add additional personal expense and time toward the completion of your degree. Once the semester ends, if you are interested in retaking a class, please contact the Registrar.

Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm and passion for our programs. We are excited to see the entire LCAD community come together and overcome these challenges with mutual trust, compassion and flexibility as we ALL do our best to make

our way through the uncharted waters ahead. Don't forget to visit the [MyLCAD Coronavirus page](#) for the latest information from local, national and international governmental agencies, as well as periodic updates from LCAD.

Stay safe, stay focused and stay the course.

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