

On Monday, August 3rd, Laguna College of Art + Design (LCAD) held a Town Hall webinar with students, staff and faculty to share some very important information regarding LCAD's plan for online instruction and the use of campus facilities this fall. After we presented our plans, we answered questions that were received during the meeting. Below is a top-line summary of what was discussed, and a video recording of the Town Hall Webinar, which provide more detailed information, and Q+A, is available at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ea8t84TDZo&feature=youtu.be>

SUMMARY OF TOWN HALL WEBINAR MEETING

MODALITY

- LCAD has made the multi-level decision to provide instruction exclusively via synchronous and asynchronous online classes for the Fall 2020 semester.
- Our decision was based first and foremost on the health and safety of the people who study and work at LCAD. Several of the AICAD schools in the area are making the same decision.
- We created a Health and Safety Committee and also engaged consultants from CalWORKS Safety, to determine what precautions were needed to ensure the wellbeing of our students and staff.
- We closely monitored data trends and mandates from State and County authorities and came to the conclusion that this option was the safest option.
- Specialized facilities and selected labs will be available via reservations and will employ strict sanitization protocols during - and in between - use.

HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND IT SERVICES

- Zoom, Moodle, and Google Drive will continue to be the main platforms used for online learning. We have made improvements to Moodle to allow further integration to both Zoom and Google Drive to make it easier to upload large files and link to Zoom meetings.
- Adobe Creative Cloud and MS Office are available for all enrolled students for download and use on their personal devices.
- We created a Virtual PC Lab, available 24/7.
- To minimize in-person contact, we now have an online equipment checkout system so students can reserve and checkout items online and then pickup in person.
- We have created an online print submission site where students will be able to upload work, select print details and submit payment. Students will be notified via email once the order is ready for pickup.
- We purchased Cintiqs for use by students enrolled in courses that would have been taught in BB12 and BB15. These will be available for checkout for the entire semester for those courses affected.

STUDENT LIFE, ON-CAMPUS HOUSING + CAREER SERVICES

- On-campus housing will be impacted by our move to online instruction and based on the feedback from our contracted health professionals and our Health and Safety Committee. Student Life will contact all dorm students with details.
- We will be offering several virtual activities this semester, including a 6-8 week workshop with Laguna Playhouse, Art with Impact webinar, Virtual event with the LGBTQ Center of OC, virtual yoga, and student government will be hosting virtual programming. Lots more to come!

- Career Services will be providing a career advancement series online, one-on-one virtual appointments with Career Services staff, and Job Board with internships and opportunities online at MYLCAD.
- We will offer flexible virtual counseling appointments to accommodate student schedules, and mental health panels on self-care during COVID.
- LCAD will provide a NEW Virtual Care Service for all students that includes free virtual medical appointments, prescription help and monthly virtual counseling sessions.
- Library materials can be reserved online and picked up curbside.

CLASS SCHEDULES

- Section schedules were updated in Self Service on Monday, August 3rd.
- If you need assistance with your schedule in any way, please contact the Registrar's office (contact info below).
- We will work with everyone to ensure the best possible schedule to fit your needs, and assist students with documented disabilities in need of accommodations.
- Department Chairs will be scheduling departmental Zoom meetings to give you further information regarding the online instruction for your department and address any concerns/questions you have.

More information, details and links will be coming in the next couple weeks, so please check your emails frequently. Again, we encourage you to watch the full webinar video to get more details. For more information, please contact the following individuals. We will be there every step of the way, and we are all looking forward to a successful Fall Term.

GOT QUESTIONS?

For more specifics and support, please contact the following:

Tuition payments: busar@lcad.edu

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Housing: studentlife@lcad.edu

Counseling: counseling@lcad.edu

IT: support@lcad.edu

Student life/activities/etc: studentlife@lcad.edu

Career Services: careerservices@lcad.edu

Library: library@lcad.edu

Orientation: admissions@lcad.edu

If you are considering taking a Leave of Absence and receive federal loans, please read the important aid information attached. There could be an unexpected financial impact for you and your family as it relates to the federal Grace Period on your loans.

We will return to in-person instruction as soon as we can. Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay focused.

Best,

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