

Spring 2021 Courses

Student FAQs



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When Will the Spring 2021 Course Schedule Be Available?

- 👉 The finalized Spring 2021 course schedule will not be available until October 19th. In the interim, the University has developed a schedule that will outline what courses are planned to be offered, while we still determine how they will be offered. Delivery format/instruction modes (i.e. in-person, blended, online, etc.), meeting days/times, and instructors will not be visible.
 - To search the Proposed Spring 2021 course offerings, follow this navigation:
Classes > Spring Proposed Courses
 - [Click here](#) for detailed instructions.
- 👉 On **October 19th**, the finalized Spring 2021 course schedule will become available. At that time, you can log into your myWCU to search the course schedule and see how classes will be offered, including delivery format/instruction modes, meeting days/times, and instructors. Remember to add the courses to your tentative schedule in preparation for your registration date/time.
 - To search the finalized Spring 2021 course offerings, follow this navigation:
Classes > Class Search
 - [Click here](#) for detailed instructions.

When Can I Register for Spring 2021 Courses?

- 👉 Students are able to see their registration start date/time assigned in myWCU. You will first be able to register for Spring 2021 courses on the registration date/time indicated.
 - To find this information, follow this navigation:
Classes > Manage Classes > When can I register for Classes?

How Can I Prepare for Registration?

- 1. Review the Proposed Spring 2021 Course Offerings**
 - 👉 Since the finalized Spring 2021 course schedule will not be available until October 19th, the University has developed a schedule that will outline what courses are planned to be offered while we still determine how they will be offered. Delivery format/instruction modes (i.e. in-person, blended, online, etc.), meeting days/times, and instructors will not be visible. To search the Proposed Spring 2021 Course Offerings, follow this navigation: ***Classes > Spring Proposed Courses***.
 - 👉 Run your Degree Progress Report (DPR) and select courses that keep you on track for degree completion – make a first-choice and second-choice list. Depending on when you register, courses may be full, so it's best to have a back-up plan.
- 2. Meet with your Advisor**
 - 👉 Students are required to meet with their advisor prior to their registration start day/time. Schedule your appointment before your registration start day/time.
- 3. Populate your Tentative Schedule in myWCU**
 - 👉 The final Spring 2021 course schedule, including course delivery format/instruction modes, meeting days/times, and instructors, will be available beginning October 19th. At this time, you can populate your tentative schedule.
- 4. Complete the Financial Terms and Conditions Agreement**
 - 👉 This agreement is required and must be completed prior to registering for any semester – including Spring 2021. This task can be found in your Alerts tile in myWCU.
- 5. Register for Spring 2021**
 - 👉 When your registration start date/time arrives, please register for classes within myWCU. [Click here](#) for detailed instructions on how to add a class in myWCU.

What Are Delivery Formats/Instruction Modes?

-  A delivery format/instruction mode defines how course content will be provided to a student. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, our courses have been updated to be delivered in a format that is not standard to the University. Below outlines those non-standard instruction modes and their meaning:

Format	Description
Online (OL)	Online course that was originally intended to be offered fully online. May or may not require students to “meet” virtually on specific days/times, which will be indicated in the meeting pattern.
Remote Asynchronous (RA)	Fully remote course that was not originally intended to be offered in remote format. Does not require instructor and students to “meet” virtually at specific days/times.
Remote Synchronous (RS)	Fully remote course that was not originally intended to be offered in remote format. Requires instructor and students to “meet” virtually at the specific days/times indicated in the meeting pattern.
Hybrid (HB)	Courses that offer some in-person engagement – whether on campus or another site (internship, practicum, student teaching, etc.).

When Will I Know the Instruction Modes for Spring 2021 Courses?

-  The final Spring 2021 course schedule, including delivery format/instruction modes, meeting days/times, and instructors will be available beginning October 19th. This information will be part of the course details when you search for classes.
- To search the finalized Spring 2021 course offerings, follow this navigation
Classes > Class Search.
-  If you are interested in a specific delivery format/instruction mode, within the **Class Search**, under **Additional Search Criteria**, you can indicate your preference as part of the search criteria.

How Are Decisions Being Made Regarding the Delivery Format of a Course?

-  Please understand that faculty and staff continue to be accessible and are highly committed to student success. Faculty strive to balance the needs of **all students** to find the best possible solutions for success. WCU faculty are using different approaches to determine which is best for their individual courses. While they understand there isn't a “one-size-fits-all” answer, they have considered not only do students learn in a variety of ways, but also that access and equity can look very different in a remote environment – it can get complicated when students are not physically in the classroom.
-  Courses taught through **synchronous delivery** are those in which the professor hosts online Zoom lectures live, in real-time, at the same time and same frequency as originally planned.
-  Courses taught through **asynchronous delivery** are those in which the professor creates prerecorded video lessons, reading or research assignments, or game-based learning tasks that students complete on their own at the time of their choosing. Asynchronous learning may also encompass a wide variety of instructional interactions, including email exchanges, online discussion boards, breakout rooms, and other instructional materials and correspondence, among many other possible variations. Utilizing a wide range of tools to share content can deepen students' understanding in this remote learning environment.

- 🐝 A **blended learning** approach often utilizes regular online Zoom sessions to deliver lectures and then directs students to online resources that the professors have prepared. These courses will have an instruction mode of BL (Blended) or RS (Remote Synchronous) because a portion of the class requires students to “meet” on specific days/times.
- 🐝 WCU professors embrace principles of quality instructional design and active learning in their daily lessons whether they are teaching in a face-to-face or remote learning environment. Active learning practices such as question and answer, writing-revision, problem-solving, group work, or authentic exploration may look different in an online classroom where students are not physically with the professor and their classmates.

A Course Is Listed as “Hybrid” or “In-Person”...I Am Not Comfortable Attending

- 🐝 If the course is requiring you to physically appear in-person and you are not comfortable, you will not be required to do so. Once registered, you will be able to indicate if you are comfortable engaging in-person through your myWCU.
- 🐝 There may be some courses in which the University is required to have students engage in person to meet state licensure requirements. If you are enrolled in one of these courses and you are not comfortable engaging in-person during the Spring 2021 semester, the University will work with you to reschedule the course for a future term.

What About Internships? Student Teaching? Clinicals?

- 🐝 More information will be forthcoming about student teaching, clinicals, and internships. Please note that in many cases, the availability of these experiences is dependent upon the host organizations’ COVID-19 policies.
- 🐝 Student teaching, clinicals, and internships are designated as hybrid classes. In order to participate in these hybrid classes students must get approval from their department and indicate that they are comfortable engaging in in-person instruction through MyWCU.

Will the Alternative Grade Policy Be Available for Spring 2021?

- 🐝 West Chester University remains committed to supporting students’ continued education through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In recognition of the ongoing challenges our students are overcoming to engage in their education, WCU is offering a COVID Grading policy for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. This policy encompasses the Fall 2020, Winter 20/21, and Spring 2021 terms.
- 🐝 **Undergraduate Students**
 - All grades earned A through D- will continue to be recorded and will impact a student’s GPA.
 - All grades of F will be converted to “No Credit” (N) and will not impact a student’s GPA.
 - Courses originally taken in Academic Year 2020-2021 can be repeated once without it counting toward the maximum number of allowed career repeats (6).
- 🐝 **Graduate Students**
 - All grades earned A through F will continue to be recorded and will impact a student’s GPA.
 - Graduate students may petition to request continuation in a program after earning a grade of F during the 2020-2021 Academic Year or a third repeat for a class completed during the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Additional Information for Undergraduate Students

I Have Free, Rolled-Over Credit(s)...Can I Use Them in Spring 2021?

- 🐼 The free, rolled-over credit(s) from Fall 2020 can only be used during the Winter 2020/2021 or Summer 2021 semesters. They cannot be applied to Spring 2021.

Can I Earn Free, Rolled-Over Credit(s) in Spring 2021?

- 🐼 West Chester University recognizes the importance of all undergraduate students completing at least 30 credits per academic year. Allowing students to roll over any unused credits permits students to stay on track towards finishing their degree program in 4 years – [Think 30!](#)
- 🐼 With this in mind, any undergraduate student who attempts 12.00 – 17.50 credits during the Spring 2021 semester will be able to roll over any unused Spring credits to the Summer 2021 semester.
 - Students must remain at full-time status throughout the semester to be eligible.
 - Free, rolled-over credits must be used during the Summer 2021 semester.