

August 16, 2020

Welcome Firebirds!

I am thrilled to welcome you to the fall 2020-2021 academic year in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of the District of Columbia. As a new or continuing student, you are on one of the most transformative journeys of your life, and the faculty and staff in the College are here to help you succeed. The new semester will be here before you know it, and we hope you are getting excited about starting school. The academic year will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, with mandatory virtual orientation for new students to be held on August 18, 2020.

While the year 2020 has been filled with challenges not seen before, the faculty and staff in the College of Arts and Sciences at UDC are committed to ensuring that you continue to experience the highest standard of learning. Our online and hybrid courses have been designed with every consideration given to your needs as learners. Our network of supporting services is continuously evolving as we try to anticipate your needs and interests across this academic year. Below you will find a few reminders and listings of some of the resources designed to support your transition to our largely virtual reality for the fall 2020 semester.

- All students should monitor their myUDC (email) accounts daily for important announcements, updates, and event notifications.
<https://my.udc.edu/group/mycampus/home>
- The calendar for fall 2020 has been modified and there are a number of changes to be aware of. <https://www.udc.edu/registrar/academic-calendars/>
- All students must be familiar with guidelines for accessing campus.
<https://www.udc.edu/covid-19/>
<https://www.udc.edu/public-safety/livesafe/>

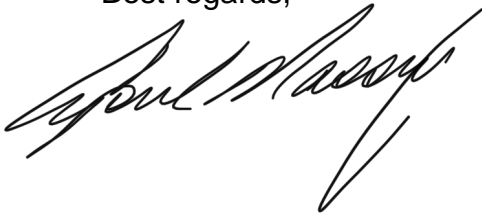
- New students must register for the new student virtual orientation in order to select classes.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/udc-virtual-new-student-orientation-fall-2020-registration-116224983053?aff=affiliate1>
- The office of Information Services and Management will assist with many of your IT needs including connecting to the University network and troubleshooting UDC email concern. <https://www.udc.edu/it/about-it-services/>
- The Follett All-Access Program is new for the fall 2020 semester. Follett All-Access is a comprehensive program that provides all course materials (i.e. textbooks, lab kits, and required supplies, as determined by your instructor) by the first day of classes. You can elect to participate.
<http://docs.udc.edu/fa/Follett-All-Access-Overview-Two-Pager.pdf>

We realize that returning to school in the context of our new normal is challenging. The adjustments to online learning and limited socially distant meetings are requiring that we all learn new skills, develop new habits, and connect in new ways. The community of Dean's Office staff, division chairs and program directors will support you across this transition and throughout your studies. We are all here to ensure that you meet your goals successfully. Contact information for chairpersons in the College is provided below. Additionally, Dr. Thomas Licata will be assisting with student affairs issues, and his contact information is also provided below.

- Division of Arts and Humanities (Art, Digital Media, English, Music)
Dr. Alex Howe ahowe@udc.edu
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- Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences (Administration of Justice, Homeland Security, Human Development, Political Science, Psychology)
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- Office of the Dean, Student Affairs — Dr. Thomas Licata thomas.licata@udc.edu

I wish each of you a successful fall 2020. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you need any assistance.

Best regards,



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