

COVID-19 Update from the College

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2:45 PM From the Dean of Advising

We have been working to ensure that you receive academic advising and support as the University moves to remote instruction.

The College Office is currently operating according to its normal business hours (Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Starting Monday, March 16th we will move to remote appointments. During this period the office will not be open for in-person meetings.

If you have a quick question for an advisor, please email your "College Contact." You can find this person's name under the name of your pre-major advisor on the home page of Penn InTouch. Clicking the person's name will bring up their email address. Please note that, due to the unusual circumstances and the volume of contacts the College Office expects, you should allow at least 24 hours to receive a response.

Students may leave a message at 215-898-6341 to make an appointment with an advisor in the College office. The appointment will be conducted by phone or via an online application such as WhatsApp or Skype. If you have a preference, please indicate this when you make the appointment.

We will be in touch next week with more specific information about Advance Registration and major declaration. In the meantime, please refer to the University's information page (<https://coronavirus.upenn.edu/students-families>) and the Student FAQ's (<https://coronavirus.upenn.edu/students-families/student-faq>).

Please note the following changes in the academic schedule:

1. The last day to change a grade type is now March 27.
2. The advance registration period for Fall 2020 has been moved to March 30 through April 12.
3. The last day to withdraw from a course is now April 13

Through the extended spring break, instructors are working hard to reformat class materials and create strategies for communicating modified course assignments with you. Instructors will let you know via email and Canvas about how course materials will be made available and to clarify how the syllabus has changed, please reach out individually to your instructors if you have not already heard from them.

Also be sure to check the College COVID page frequently for College-specific updates.

Take care and be well. We will be in touch next week.