



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 16, 2021
TO: College of Law Students
FROM: Jason Kreag, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
RE: Transition to Stage Two

This memo outlines the procedures for moving to Stage Two on February 22, 2021. Please review it thoroughly.

The transition to Stage Two offers new opportunities to return, ever slightly, to *some* in-person engagement, in and outside of the classroom.

To be clear, the pandemic and the direct and indirect stressors and challenges it has placed on each of us remain. These challenges affect members of our community differently and will continue to do so for many months even under the best of circumstances.

As we move to Stage Two, please continue to be considerate of these challenges. Please continue to be flexible and supportive of each other. And please continue to share your ideas and thoughts for how we can do better.

Overview:

- Stage Two permits certain in-person class meetings starting February 22, 2021. However, Stage Two does not require that faculty add an in-person component to their courses.
- Similarly, Stage Two permits students to attend certain in-person class meetings starting February 22, 2021. However, Stage Two does not require that students attend class in-person.
- All classes (*i.e.*, Flex In-person classes and Live Online classes) must continue to be offered synchronously via Zoom and asynchronously for students who cannot attend synchronously. We understand that some students will not be able to or will elect not to attend class in-person, even if given the option. The College is committed to supporting students across all three modalities.
- In addition to clinics and externships, which have been eligible for in-person meetings throughout the semester, the College will add an in-person component for six classes on February 22, 2021. We expect to add other in-person classes the following week.

- The College will implement its Red/Blue Teams for students starting February 22, 2021, with the Red Team.
- The Law Library will be closed on February 23-24 for the February Bar Exam.
- Faculty who are comfortable doing so may consider in-person meetings with students outside of the class setting. Current University guidelines permit meetings of up to 10 people.
- *Everyone* coming to campus must have a negative COVID test within the previous seven days and participate in Wildcat WellCheck.

Transition to Flex In-person:

The transition to in-person classes in Stage Two will be a process that happens over several weeks, beginning with six classes on February 22.

1. Federal Income Tax, Bosse
2. Introduction to Business Reorganization in Bankruptcy, Charles
3. Remedies, Griffin
4. Empirical Methods in the Law, Griffin
5. Pretrial Litigation, Macdonald & Hinderaker
6. Evidence, Kamm

In addition to these classes, starting on February 22, faculty have the option of meeting in-person with students for substantial papers, notes, and independent study projects.

Additional Flex In-Person Classes:

More classes will add an in-person component starting the following week, March 1, 2021. Please stay in contact with your professors during this transition to ensure that you know the modality options for your classes.

Mandatory COVID Testing

All students attending on-campus events, including in-person class activities, are required to participate in the University's mandatory weekly testing program. The details about the testing and reporting requirements pursuant to Wildcat WellCheck, including information about how to schedule a test, are available here:

<https://covid19.arizona.edu/mandatory-testing>.



Additional information about the testing options is available here:

<https://covid19.arizona.edu/covid19-testing>

February Bar Exam:

Several students will be on campus taking the February Bar Exam on February 23-24. To accommodate these students, the library will be closed on these two days. While the library will close to everyone except the bar takers, library services will remain available. Information about accessing these services is available here:

<http://lawlibrary.arizona.edu/covid-19-updates-stage-2>

No classes will meet in the library these two days, even if scheduled in the evening. If you have an in-person class that would normally meet in the library on February 23-34, your professor will tell you the new room number.

There will be a few bar takers using offices that are not in the library. We will have signs throughout the building designating these spaces. Please be considerate of these students and mindful of their need for a quiet environment for the bar exam.

Spring 2021 JD Grading Policy:

JD students have the option to take one or more classes Pass/No Pass this semester.

The policy is available here:

<https://law.arizona.edu/news/2021/02/spring-2021-jd-optional-passno-pass-policy>.

Please review it and note the two deadlines on March 26 and April 16.

JD students electing Pass/No Pass under this policy must earn the equivalent of a C under the traditional grading system to pass.

Examinations:

Examinations for Spring 2021 will be offered remotely using the same procedures that were in place in Fall 2020.

We will continue to offer students the ability to take final exams at any time during a three-day window. For example, the 1L Property exam is schedule for Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Students will have the ability to take the exam between May 3-5.

Additional information about exams and exam procedures, including a link to the final exam schedule is available here: <https://law.arizona.edu/examinations>.

Academic Calendar Updates:

As a reminder, the University scheduled five Reading Days in lieu of spring break. There are no College of Law classes or activities on these days. The first Reading Day is next week. Here is the complete list.

Thursday, February 25
Tuesday, March 9
Wednesday, March 10
Friday, April 2
Wednesday, April 21

The switch to Reading Days necessitates one additional change to our Academic Calendar this semester.

April 29 will now operate as a Wednesday for classes. On April 29, classes regularly scheduled for Thursday will be replaced by classes regularly scheduled for Wednesday.

This change will be reflected in the Academic Calendar soon. Here is the link to the calendar: <https://law.arizona.edu/academic-calendar>.

Other Helpful Resources:

COL COVID updates: <https://law.arizona.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-response-information>
Student – COVID updates: <https://law.arizona.edu/covid/students>
Staff and Faculty – COVID updates: <https://law.arizona.edu/covid/faculty-and-staff>

Student Suggestion Box:

The Student Suggestion Box remains open. Please use it to offer feedback and thoughts as we transition to Stage Two. Here is the link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvPdTjCxc_uY8SRg0gPjF9S_lsZ9aiy1IpwzlbKAzK7EJVNQ/viewform