



## ATTENDING FALL CLASSES: PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

We enter this Fall at an unprecedented time in history and we are all navigating this uncharted territory together. Your Faculty and staff have worked diligently to make this academic year as normal and safe as possible, but we need your help in stopping the spread of Covid-19 on our campus and in our community. As part of the Dragon Nation, we ask you to live up to the *Dragon Pledge* as well as our ICARE value of respect. You are an important part of a living and learning community that values face to face interactions both in and out of the classroom, please do your part to keep yourself and others healthy and safe.

What our best science tells us about the COVID-19 virus is that:

- it is highly contagious and
- it primarily spreads through
  - air droplets
  - contaminated surfaces, and
  - physical touching.

Given this, we will follow CDC, State and Local guidelines to ensure all our safety. In the “regular” (i.e. non-lab, non-music, etc.\*) classroom, these will include:

- Prior to coming on to campus every day, you are required to complete a self-health assessment via the TU Mobile App. (Your faculty may ask for proof of completion to enter the classroom).
- You **MUST** wear a facial covering in the classroom. (Students who refuse to wear a facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom and building.)
  - ONLY students with an official accommodation from the Office of Disability Services ([tiffin.edu/student-services/disability-services](http://tiffin.edu/student-services/disability-services)) are exempted from this requirement.
- Whenever possible, you should maintain social distancing requirements of six feet or more (i.e., do not rearrange classroom furniture, sit only in specified seats, maintain spacing when entering or exiting the classroom, etc.). Please adhere to new “flow” patterns for entering and exiting buildings.
- Eating in class is prohibited. Drinking is allowed, but you must replace your face covering promptly.
- You will be responsible to disinfect your own workspace before and after each class (supplies will be provided).
- Faculty have been encouraged to hold all office hours “virtually” (via collaborate). Access to the virtual office hours will be included in your Moodle shell for each course.
- If you show symptoms of COVID-19, you should NOT attend class, and notify your instructor.

*note: Additional protocols will be implemented for specialized programs and courses (e.g, science lab courses, Art courses, Digital Media courses, computer courses and Music courses.)*

*Most importantly,*

**Be patient, be respectful, be resilient, *be Dragons.***

If we have learned anything in these chaotic past few months, it is to expect the unexpected and be ready to respond to it. It is almost certain that the disruptions we have experienced thus far will continue, and continue to evolve. To be sure, the adaptability and resilience you have shown (and will continue to show) in the face of adversity and uncertainty will serve you well. In celebrating our ICARE value of Respect, please live the Dragon Pledge and please mask up, wash up, and practice social distancing so that we can have as normal and safe an academic year as possible.