The 2020-21 School Year - Safety, Academics, Flexibility

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To all Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering students

The ME department is providing additional information about “The 2020-21 School Year - Safety, Academics, Flexibility” which NYU recently announced. (Please refer to https://www.nyu.edu/about/leadership-university-administration/office-of-the-president/office-of-the-provost/provostial-communications/the-2020-21-school-year-safety-academics-flexibility.html)

Mode of delivery for classes during 2020 fall semester (current plan)

1. Classes of more than 40 students: The classes will be running remotely (same as in the latter half of the 2020 spring semester).
2. Classes of less than 16 students: The classes will be on-site classes (run in classrooms)
   a. Students have option not to be physically present in the classroom and take classes remotely.
3. Classes between 16 and 40 students: The classes will be running by splitting the class size in half to reduce population of classrooms.
   a. One half attends onsite one day of week while the other half attends remotely class at home to reduce population in classrooms. Rotation between onsite and remote attendance will continue to vary.
   b. In some cases, the class may need to be broken up into three rotation groups.
   c. Students have the option to not be present in the classroom and take classes remotely.
   d. This is essentially a blended course approach.

Please note:

- The plan above is a general guide, but each course will be evaluated to make sure this makes sense.
- Regardless of the mode of delivery, any student can attend remotely for part of all of the semester.
- Students will not be required to attend classes in-person.

Semester Flexibility

1. Students may be allowed to complete up to a total of 36 credits over Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 with the full-time tuition from Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. The link below indicates how credits can be spread over the fall, winter, spring, and summer:

https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/Flexible-Semester-Options.html

2. All rules such as pre-requisites/co-requisites, full-time status for scholarships, and visa requirements apply as usual.
3. Please contact Professor Borowiec and Professor Lee for any questions.
Late Arrival

Student shall register for the Fall semester on time, but in some cases will arrive in NY later in the semester. This is acceptable but are expected to attend remotely until they arrive, even if this is an on-site course. In fact, students can attend an on-site course remotely if that is their decision.

There is no form to fill out for Late Arrival. Please contact your instructors so they are aware of your situation.

Other Considerations

Social distancing to reduce heavy traffic in hallways, elevators, and staircases are currently being discussed. Please stay tuned.

Answers To Some Student Questions

- You do not need to know the size of their classes as your instructors should let their classes know how it will proceed. (We wanted to provide some of the reasoning behind why various classes will be delivered differently, as well as illustrate some of the care that is being applied.)
- Students can change their decision regarding attending in person at any time. For example, if a student decides on October 2nd that they are uncomfortable commuting to school and wishes to start attending remotely, this is allowable.
- NYU will not go backward and require all students to attend in person at some point later in the semester.
- It is unclear at this time how what will be the mode of delivery for labs.
- Courses will go back to the usual A, A-, B+, ..., D, F letter grading in the Fall.
- Summer 2021 ME-UY courses may follow a 12 week semester, rather than two six week semesters.
- Advising will be handled remotely in the Fall (similar to Spring 2020).