



Questions and answers from March 20 Zoom meeting

Visit coronavirus.olemiss.edu for the latest information. You should email your instructors and department chair with any course queries. And you can email engineer@olemiss.edu for any other engineering questions or concerns.

Classes and labs

Q. Are all classes, including labs, be held online with zoom?

Individual instructors and departments are choosing the best way for their courses. Faculty are being encouraged to asynchronous methods of instruction— that means you can take the class at a time that works best for you. Check your email for updates.

If a method of instruction is not working for you, contact your instructor, department chair or the dean's office. We will help you find a solution!

All degree requirements will be met appropriately.

Q. How will taking labs online work?

Some departments will film someone running the experiment and have students write a report. Some will share videos or move to virtual learning. Some will not be able to mimic their labs online.

Reach out to your instructor for more information.

Q. What if I don't have access to reliable high-speed internet?

It's worth checking into options like public libraries, extension services and other places with public WiFi to see if you can download course content – ideally from the parking lot!

Contact your faculty members or department chair if this is a challenge for you. We will work with you, and school policies will be generous for students with special circumstances.

You might consider requesting an Incomplete grade from your professor to allow additional time to finish the course. The course can then be completed when resources are more available.

Q. What do I do if have IT issues related to my engineering work?

You should put in a [helpdesk ticket with the engineering IT team](#). This allows the team to respond efficiently to all requests – whether it's from students, faculty or staff. Phone or email requests might get lost, so the team appreciates your help with this.

Q. Can senior design group meet on campus as long as we use social distancing?

This is not an option at this point. The engineering buildings, like the Ole Miss campus, are closed to students. Virtual is the best option!



Q. Will we still have exams?

Yes, proctored exams are still scheduled for the week of May 4. There will be more details will be coming soon about how this will work.

Q. Will the semester end as scheduled?

Yes, the last day of the spring semester is still expected to be May 8.

Q. Will summer courses be available online, even ones that are not typically offered?

We have not decided yet, as we will need to evaluate the need for summer courses to keep students on track, if possible. At this point, we are only planning for the remainder of the spring semester.

Advising

Q. Will there still be advising meetings?

Yes – the advising period is from March 23 to April 6. Registration windows will open on their originally scheduled date.

You should hear from your advisor/department chair, explaining how your advising session will be handled. It could be by using Zoom, the [pdf advising sheets](#), Qualtrics, etc.

If you have questions about your courses, ASK!

Q. How should I prepare for my advisor meeting?

Check out engineering.olemiss.edu/current-advising where you can find degree advising sheets and how to find out who your advisor is. The [student handbook](#) gives you information about social sciences, humanities, fine arts and other general education requirements

You should run your degree audit, found in MyOleMiss. This gives you a useful summary of your completed coursework that is degree-applicable.

If you are doing a degree audit for biomedical, chemical, electrical or general engineering degrees, you should declare the emphasis in order to see accurate results. You can do this by logging into MyOleMiss / Student / Academics / Change Specialization and Minors.

For an immediate update of your audit, email your request to mckendri@olemiss.edu. Otherwise, it will be automatically updated the follow day (during advising weeks).

Q. How can I change my major?

Complete the [Administrative request form](#) and send to [Oana Najjar](mailto:Oana.Najjar), academic counselor.

Q. What if I need to withdraw from a class now that we're past the deadline?

There should be a temporary official policy soon, taking into account the extreme circumstances.



Graduation

Although commencement ceremonies have been postponed, May 2020 graduates who complete all graduation requirements will be certified as May 2020 graduates.

Q. Should seniors pay the Diploma fee or the Cap and Gown fee?

If you are on track for graduation and want a printed diploma, you should pay the \$50 fee. The commencement ceremonies are postponed, so we would recommend not ordering cap and gown yet.

Q. Is there any chance the deadline for graduate school applications will be extended?

You should get in touch with the Graduate School. Several departments have rolling admissions policies.