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COVID-19 Updates & Resources



As the situation with the Covid-19 virus continues to evolve, stay informed with four important links that provide Up-To-Date information:

COALS:

<https://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/covid19/>

University:

<https://www.tamu.edu/coronavirus/>

Vice President for Research:

<https://vpr.tamu.edu/covid-19>

TAMU FAQ page:

<https://www.tamu.edu/coronavirus/#FAQ>

Howdy!

I know that you have received a lot of information in recent days about COVID-19 and the University transitioning to online classes. I understand that it can be overwhelming and can sometimes leave us with more questions than answers.

Thereby, I'd like to give take a moment to let you know just a few things that are going on in the Department of Animal Science. Below is a brief video from the Department of Animal Science answering some of your questions about classes beginning online starting on Monday, March 23, 2020.



<https://youtu.be/OGhNgVV9lh0>

Classes will resume on the week of March 23, so please don't be concerned if you have not received anything from your professors just yet. Classes are currently cancelled and we are working to update syllabi and adapt content, so give us until the 23rd to finalize our plan.

1. While the courses will be moving to an online delivery mechanism, you will still be engaging with the same faculty and graduate students. The courses may look different, but the people are the same and we are all working toward the goal of providing the highest quality learning experience possible.
2. While on-campus advising appointments have been cancelled, our academic advising team will still be available for advising appointments via zoom. Our advisors have compiled a list of important dates for the semester and that information will be available on our department website.

I realize that this is a challenging time, and I appreciate your willingness to work with us through this transition. Please feel free to check our departmental website for a list of relevant links, as well as follow the department Facebook page for any updates.

Sincerely,

G. Cliff Lamb, Ph.D.
Professor and Head

Advising Updates:

We know this has been a stressful and confusing time. The advising office would like to provide you all with some clear guidance on how you can still receive all the assistance and advising you need while still keeping in line with the recommended isolation precautions. We have tried to be as concise as possible, but please read the following email in detail to ensure you have all the information you need to be successful this semester.

All advising will move virtual or electronic for the rest of the term. Students should **not** come in to the advising office in person.

Q Drops

As of right now, the Q drop deadline remains the same: April 14th at 5pm. We will be accepting **Q drop forms electronically**. You must send in the signed form (a photo or scanned copy is fine). If you are certain you want to drop the course, you may send the form to cbeamon92@tamu.edu (**Graduate Students**) or anscadvisor@tamu.edu (**Undergraduate Students**). If you have questions about dropping the course prior to executing the drop, please make an appointment per the instructions below. The withdrawal deadline is also April 14th at 5pm. You start the process for withdrawal through your Howdy Portal in the My Records Tab.

Zoom Advising Appointments

If you want or need “face to face” advising, we will be moving our advising appointments to the Zoom platform. All currently scheduled and future appointments in Navigate will move to Zoom for the rest of the semester. There will be no Walk-In Advising for the spring semester. We have extended our appointments in Navigate to accommodate all students. Once your appointment is scheduled (or prior to the day of the appointment, if you have already scheduled it) you will receive an email to you @tamu email with instructions on how to access your Zoom meeting, which can be done by phone, tablet, or computer. Please familiarize yourself with Zoom by visiting tamu.zoom.us. You may still continue to schedule appointments in Navigate, but be aware they will be solely conducted virtually via Zoom. If you have already scheduled an appointment in Navigate, it does not need to be cancelled, but it will only be conducted virtually. If you do not want a virtual appointment and would prefer just to receive email advising, please cancel your Navigate appointment and see below for email advising instructions.

Email Advising

If you don't want a real-time appointment, you are welcome to email your advisor for email advising. Please keep in mind we will be receiving an extremely high volume of email traffic. We will do our best to get back to every student as quickly as possible, especially with preregistration approaching. If advisors set automatic replies with important information, please be sure to read those messages carefully. Those autoreplies will often contain the answers to common questions, and we set them in order to get you critical information as quickly as possible.

We are working diligently to ensure your advising needs are still met in a way that keeps our community safe and healthy. If you have questions, please feel free to email your advisor directly, or to email anscadvisor@tamu.edu. Please refrain from calling our office, as phone lines will likely not be routinely monitored over the next several weeks.

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