Dear Students,

We are days away from the start of Spring quarter and our thoughts are centered on your success. We write to share information that will help you effectively transition to remote learning. As a start, the University of Chicago has developed a central resource for students to successfully navigate learning online in Spring 2020. Please visit Getting Started and Learning Remotely for links, tips, and answers to your questions about online learning.

Students, including teaching assistants, are expected to use the audio and video conferencing platform Zoom. Please set up a student Zoom account at https://uchicagostudents.zoom.us/.

Need books? The University bookstores will continue to ensure your needs are met by offering
free shipping on online orders of Spring 2020 Course Materials.

Also, please share your plans for online study in Spring 2020 by completing this survey by Friday, April 3. We look forward to hearing from you!

Kindly,
UCPE & Graham Dean of Students Office

You’re Invited: Virtual Town Hall via Zoom

We understand that transitioning to remote learning may evoke a series of questions and concerns. We believe that this time will also spur unique and creative ways for us to connect.

Join us for a Zoom Student Town Hall to find out more and to ask questions about the transition to online learning in Spring 2020. We hope these forums foster mutual understanding and transparency within our community.

All are welcome, but space will be limited. Early registration is encouraged. Zoom links will be distributed to participants by host.

Available Sessions (Click Below to Register)

1. Session 1 - Wednesday, April 1, 2020: 1:00 PM
2. Session 2 - Wednesday, April 1, 2020: 6:00 PM
3. Session 3 - Thursday, April 2, 2020: 6:00 PM

Click below to learn how internet service providers are aiding in online learning.
Important Spring Quarter Dates to Add to Your Planner!

**Spring Quarter Begins:** Monday, April 6  
*Add/Drop Period for Full Refund:* Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 24  
**Spring Graduation Application Application Due:** Friday, April 10  
**Spring Quarter Bills Posted:** Wednesday, April 8  
**Spring Graduate Application Due:** Friday, April 10  
**Spring Quarter Bills Due:** Wednesday, April 29

*Add/Drop is available during the first three weeks of the quarter. Students are permitted to add or drop classes through Friday of the third week, although most classes are closed after first week.

**Graduation Application Deadline for Spring 2020 Graduates**

1. Log in to my.uchicago.edu and click the “My Academics” tab.  
2. Under the Academics tab, to the right, under Graduation select the Graduation Application link to apply.  
3. Input information and save each screen.  
4. Click "Submit Graduation Application" to finalize your application.

If a student fails to submit an application for graduation they will be ineligible to graduate.

**Delaying Graduation**

If after applying a student must delay graduation, they must contact the program advisor or Dean of Students Office by the end of the fifth week of the quarter, Friday, May 8.

Students must reapply for graduation and will be assessed a $65 reapplication fee if the delay is initiated after the fifth week of a quarter. Students are responsible for ensuring they meet all
degree requirements and should confirm their eligibility to graduate with your academic advisor(s).

The details about Convocation 2020 are still under development. For updates, please visit [https://convocation.uchicago.edu/](https://convocation.uchicago.edu/).

**The deadline to apply for Spring Quarter Graduation is Friday, April 10, 2020.**

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**Student Support Resources**

**Spring Quarter Resources for Students**

The University is fully committed to supporting the education of all students throughout the Spring Quarter. Extensive preparations are in process to enable students to realize their academic objectives, while recognizing that there will be new and unique challenges. The information published on the "Spring Quarter Student Resource" webpage outlines resources that have been put in place to help students.

**Student Disability Services**

The University of Chicago is committed to facilitating the full participation of students with disabilities in the life of the University. **Student Disability Services** (SDS) is responsible for determining eligibility as well as the types of accommodations for students with disabilities.

If you are a student with a disability, please contact the SDS office as early as possible to initiate services. Visit [https://disabilities.uchicago.edu](https://disabilities.uchicago.edu) for more information.

**Student Services and Fee**

Although the University does not anticipate any interruption of critical student services and resources in the Spring Quarter, current restrictions do limit Campus and Student Life’s ability to deliver other normally available resources and programs which are supported by the quarterly Student Services Fee. Therefore, we are reducing the quarterly Student Services Fee to a flat $125 rate for the Spring Quarter.

In keeping with University policy, students living more than fifty miles from the Hyde Park campus in the Spring Quarter will not be required to pay the Student Services Fee. This includes students who were not assessed the Fee in the Autumn or Winter Quarters and whose circumstances have not changed. Students with questions about the Fee or who believe the Fee should be waived due to their new Spring Quarter location should contact the Office of the Bursar by emailing bursar@uchicago.edu.

The Office of the University Bursar’s website also has additional information about Spring Quarter billing and financial resources for students.

**Emergency Assistance Program**

As you progress through your academic career you may encounter unplanned circumstances that will require access to emergency financial assistance. The University of Chicago provides students access to emergency funding programs to assist in successfully navigating these challenges. Each program has separate eligibility and repayment requirements.
Please visit the Emergency Assistance Website for additional information on emergency funding to know your options should a financial emergency arise.

Additional Resources

Spring 2020 Student Resources

University of Chicago COVID-19 Updates

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