
Important Fall Semester Information

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Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 6:50 PM

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Whew! We're almost there. Thank you for reading, and we will look forward to seeing you in class.

JCD

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To: "Brian R. Gallini" <bgallini@willamette.edu>, Melodye Mac Alpine <mjmacalpine@willamette.edu>, Ashley Stovin <atown@willamette.edu>

Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 6:47 AM

Another

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From: **Alexis Borquez** <amborquez@willamette.edu>
Date: Sat, Aug 15, 2020, 03:26
Subject: Re: [law-students] Important Fall Semester Information
To: Jeffrey Dobbins <jdobbins@willamette.edu>

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"thorough", but I doubt I'm in the first three people to do that. Either way I wanted to thank you and the WU staff for being so on top of alerting us of how the semester is going to work as well as backup plans. These are stressful times and the fact we're clearly prepared is a blessing.

I do have a question regarding what we should do about eating breaks? Would it be best to assume I'll have to eat outside or in my car in order to maintain mask wearing protocols in common rooms?

Thank you for your time and hard work,

Alexis Borquez

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Jeffrey Dobbins <jdobbins@willamette.edu> Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 6:49 AM
To: "Brian R. Gallini" <bgallini@willamette.edu>, Melodye Mac Alpine <mjmacalpine@willamette.edu>, Ashley Stovin <atown@willamette.edu>

One more... Well done, all!

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From: **Kara Parker** <kbparker@willamette.edu>
Date: Sat, Aug 15, 2020, 06:12
Subject: Re: [law-students] Important Fall Semester Information
To: Jeffrey Dobbins <jdobbins@willamette.edu>

Ha! I'd actually rather have prompt and thorough classmates when it comes to this stuff than a Starbucks gift card, so I hope your inbox overflowed with the word "thorough."

You all have done such an outstanding job of planning around Covid and thinking ahead. So appreciative of all your efforts. I'm optimistic they'll pay off and that we'll be able to stay in Lane 1 to the extent the governor allows.

On Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 11:55 PM Jeffrey Dobbins <jdobbins@willamette.edu> wrote:

Fifth! Very close. Thanks for being careful about these -- it's appreciated on our end! See you shortly. JCD

On Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 7:27 PM Kara Parker <kbparker@willamette.edu> wrote:

Thorough!

On Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 7:09 PM Jeffrey Dobbins <jdobbins@willamette.edu> wrote:

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To: Jeffrey Dobbins <jdobbins@willamette.edu>, Melodye Mac Alpine <mjmacalpine@willamette.edu>, Ashley Stovin <atown@willamette.edu>

Really good stuff here – thank you Jeff!

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Jeffrey Dobbins <jdobbins@willamette.edu>

Sun, Aug 16, 2020 at 10:06 PM

To: Law Office of Student Affairs <law-osa@willamette.edu>, College of Law Admission <law-admission@willamette.edu>, Jeff Dobbins <jdobbins@willamette.edu>
Bcc: lawstaff@willamette.edu

Hi all --

Just a short email with few additions / corrections to my Friday email (and yes, the prizes have been claimed; thank you for your thoroughness!):

1) Clinics will all be offered via zoom except for T&E clinic, which will be in person. Again, contact professors for more information.

2) Officers / members of student organizations that have access to separate space in our buildings should follow their Access Week schedule. During weeks that you are in the building, you can use the organization space for the relevant student organization, but please strictly comply with social distancing rules in the building. (For example, even if 10 members of the Willamette Law Mask Appreciation League are in Access Week A, that doesn't mean that all 10 of them can fit in their relatively small office.) Note that any time you are in a common space or a separate room (i.e., a room with a door) at the law school, you should be wearing a mask, as you should also be in rooms with closed doors that have more than one person in them.

3) We have established a building flow pattern marked by signs that attempt to keep students moving in the same direction throughout the main building; we ask that you do your best to follow it. A very rough schematic diagram is attached; you can also review the signs that have been posted in the building. Note, however, that while the marked direction of movement is preferred for everyone, especially when the building is busy, **any students with mobility issues are welcome to move through the space as necessary in order to get to where they need to go in a safe and timely manner.**

4) Zoom assistants helping with classes that meet in person every week **may enter the building on their off week**, but should use non-access week protocols and seriously limit their exposure to others.

5) I know that many students hope to use the building as a quiet study space, and this is the point of us keeping the space open even under Lane 2. Note, however, that WITS has informed us that if everyone in the building connects to zoom in order to participate in their remote classes, we're likely to suffer from bandwidth limitations either at the law school or at the University as a whole. In order to avoid this, **we would strongly prefer that you participate in zoom classes from home, rather than at the law school**, if you have the means and opportunity to do so effectively. This isn't an absolute bar -- sometimes connecting at the law school will be the only option - but merely a request that we all pitch in to avoid difficulties for everyone. In addition, of course, it will be hard to participate fully from carrels in the library given the need to try and stay reasonably quiet, and despite (and because of) social distancing, our space at the law school is at a premium. If you absolutely must connect to remote classes while in the law building, **please** bring headphones so you do not disturb others.

I think that's it. We're really looking forward to seeing the 1Ls at orientation starting tomorrow morning, and to connecting with everyone in classes starting the week of Monday the 24th.

Best --

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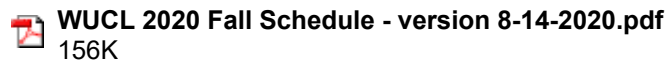
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Jeffrey Dobbins <jdobbins@willamette.edu>
To: Law Faculty <lawfac-plus@willamette.edu>

Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 6:17 PM

Hi all --

I'm forwarding below a set of emails that I've sent to students trying to lay out our plans for accessing the building and moving forward with classes this term. THIS IS JUST FYI! YOU DON'T HAVE TO READ THIS, so feel free to move on, especially if you're teaching fully remotely this fall (or not at all). But if you're interested in how we're communicating with students about being in the building, etc. this is a good place to start. Happy to answer questions if you have them. I'd suggest starting with my long email at the bottom, then reading the one immediately below.

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