

We're in this together!

- Remember that nobody (faculty or students) signed up for this. And we're all trying to make the best out of the same difficult situation.
- Let's support each other during this time and we ask patience of everyone in the Oglethorpe community to work together to find the best option available.
- Things will change...BUT we're committed to providing the best learning environments for our students. Classes will look different. Assignments may look different. Class expectations and objectives will surely change. But we will be flexible and understanding during this trying time, and we'll adjust as needed to best accommodate our students and their learning goals.

Stay in touch!

- **Email** is the official medium of communication with professors. Check you email regularly and email your professors regularly.
- Check **Moodle** regularly. Moodle is where your class will "live" during our remote learning. Be sure to turn on notifications and stay up-to-date on any changes to class schedule and assignment due dates.
- Many professors will use **ZOOM** to provide live, synchronous class meetings and pre-record lectures. Download ZOOM and test your settings. Be sure to ask your professor for their meeting code so you can access their virtual meetings or pre-recorded lectures.

Create a schedule and stay organized!

- Are your classes meeting synchronously (virtually but all together at the same time) or asynchronously (independent work by the student) or a hybrid model of both? Create a new schedule to note which classes are meeting when and which assignments have been altered.
- Stick to new class schedules as much as possible. This will provide a sense of normalcy and comfort, and will help you from falling behind.
- Limit distractions. If you're professor is normally a "no smart phone" zone, try your best to put your phone away during synchronous meetings and turn notifications on silent on your phones and laptops/tablets.

Rethink your study habits!

- If the Library was your preferred study location, find a similar environment to mimic what used to work well for you.
- You'll have more free time now that other activities have been cancelled. Think about how this will affect your study habits and patterns. Consider meeting virtually with classmates via FaceTime to discuss class lectures and projects. Start a GroupMe with classmates to create accountability and share information. Studying will look differently but leverage the technology we have to make the best of the situation.

Stay healthy and connected!

- First and foremost, take care of yourself and those around you! Our main priority is your wellbeing.
- Stay calm. It is a confusing time but we're all experiencing this confusion together. Rely on friends, family and faculty/staff to alleviate that confusion and stress as much as possible.
- Stay connected with friends! FaceTime and video call with friends, teammates and roommates. Maintaining those relationships is helpful when dealing with stressful situations.

- Talk to your professors! We're here to help and want you to succeed. Set up virtual appointments or attend virtual office hours. We miss the in-person interaction as much as you do.

Be compassionate!

- We're all reconfiguring our lives and we're all struggling to find balance in our lives. If you see someone struggling, reach out! Be patient with others and be willing to work together when needed.