

From: [GSSW Academic Affairs](#)

Subject: [col-sw-stu-MSW-foundation] GSSW COVID Updates: Fall & Winter Quarters

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Dear Denver Campus Foundation MSW Students,

Faculty and students have both shared with us that the cohort classroom approach is going well and a model that we can repeat for Winter Quarter. Thank you for all the extra effort that faculty and students have taken to see us safe and able to learn together on-campus, in our field internships, and online.

I write now to restate the message about access to Denver Campus for the remainder of Fall Quarter, and to share updates for Winter and Spring Quarters. Please read all of the details in this email.

Fall Quarter: Following public health guidance, the City of Denver will be on Level 3: Safer at Home restrictions, as of October 28, 2020. The University of Denver (DU) is allowed to continue our modified, in-person courses, as described in the [recent email](#) from the DU COVID-19 Coordinator. ***Yet, students and faculty that are accessing Denver Campus must restrict their activities off-campus, including field internships.*** Students who are engaged in in-person learning activities for your field internship must either:

- Attend the remainder of your Fall Quarter courses virtually. Your instructor will provide Zoom access information for your course(s) within Canvas.
- Or, work with your agency supervisor and GSSW Field Liaison to enact remote learning activities for your internship from October 28, 2020 until November 20, 2020 (the last day of Fall Quarter classes). If a remote learning plan is not available at the agency, you must attend your courses virtually. Your GSSW Field Liaison will support you if you need to pause your internship.

As we prepare for registration, we wanted to share these updates and instructions:

Winter and Spring Calendars from GSSW: All GSSW courses and field internships will remain on the same, existing academic calendar, even though DU has altered the calendar for undergraduates to allow more time for quarantine and testing, as the undergraduate students move back onto campus.

- Monday, January 4, 2021: First day of GSSW Winter Quarter classes and field
- Monday, March 15, 2021: Last day of GSSW Winter Quarter classes (no final exams for DU)
- Wednesday, March 31, 2021: First day of GSSW Spring Quarter classes
- Tuesday, June 8, 2021: Last day of GSSW Spring Quarter classes (no final exams for DU)
- Friday, June 11, 2021: Graduate Commencement

Return to Campus Protocols before Winter & Spring Quarter (see specific details [here](#)):

- A minimum of 10 days quarantine is required before attending in-person classes, so we will anticipate that the first two weeks of classes will be offered fully online to allow for this quarantine time.

- Everyone will be required to have a negative nasal swab PCR test for the virus that causes COVID-19 to have campus access.
- Everyone will be required to have proof of a 2020-2021 influenza vaccination by December 15, 2020.

Field Internships: As long as city and state public health guidance allows, you will continue to have the option to engage in your field internship in-person, if your agency can support in-person learning activities safely. Please consider taking online classes to mitigate risk of exposure to the the clients and communities you serve in your in-person internships, especially during this winter season.

Course Modalities: GSSW will offer courses in both fully online and on-campus/cohort formats, similar to Fall Quarter. The [DU Online Schedule](#) lists course modalities (and 'lecture' format means on-campus).

Registration Instructions: TO ease the process and confirm the registration into the correct cohort of foundation courses, we are asking you to complete this [brief online survey](#) to select your cohort preferences and to start the registration process. Please complete it by November 4, 2020 at 11:59 MST. After the GSSW Registration Team has processed all of these responses, you will be notified. You will then be able to add/drop sections as long as open seats are available. We anticipate you will have this option by November 18, 2020.

We are here to support you and to answer your questions. Please join Denver Campus Program Director Kate Ross and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Leslie Hasche at our weekly virtual office hours on Mondays and Thursdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 noon at this [link](#) (passcode: SW2020). You can also connect with other GSSW Student Services Team members per the information posted on the [Contact Us](#) tab of the GSSW Student Resource Portal.

We have made it to Week 7 of the quarter, and we are sending everyone well wishes of health, community, and impactful social change. Please continue to provide care for everyone in our community during these times.

Thank you,

Kate Ross, Denver Campus MSW Program Director

Leslie Hasche, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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