

## Regarding classes in the 2023 school year

### 1. Classes in the 2023 school year

With some exceptions, all classes will in principle be conducted in a face-to-face format. Note that some classes will allow remote participation until Wednesday, May 3. See your instructor's directions on manaba for details.

### 2. Applying for exemption from face-to-face classes

Students in special circumstances, such as those having a preexisting condition that could severely exacerbate a COVID-19 infection (for the student only), may be granted exemption from face-to-face classes until May 3.

#### Distance learning methods

As a rule, distance learning support will be provided not through live broadcast, but through materials and assignments provided online. Some courses may provide live broadcasts, but there will be other courses for which neither approach is feasible (see course syllabi for details). In principle, enrolling in a class will require face-to-face participation. Furthermore, face-to-face participation will be required for all classes from Monday, May 8; if you are unable to participate in classes from that day, you will be considered absent.

#### Application method

Download the application form from "[Application for exemption from face-to-face classes](#)".

The application form and supporting documentation must be mailed to us with a postmark no later than Thursday, April 6. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline, unless the applicant develops a new condition afterward.

### 3. Consultations regarding exemption from face-to-face classes due to individual circumstance

Students may not directly petition instructors for exemption from classes (through remote participation, issuance of assignments, etc.) due to reasons including personal circumstance, injury, or illness.

If you cannot attend a face-to-face class, you will be considered absent. Note that if you obtain a medical certificate, you will be applicable for filing a Notice of Absence.

### 4. Future notifications

Barring significant changes in national or government policy regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we will provide no future notices regarding how classes will be conducted.