

Huntington University | Students in Huntington, Indiana

After much consultation and the support of the Huntington University Board of Trustees Executive Committee, it is the intention of the University to extend Spring Break by two days (Monday, March 23, 2020 and Tuesday, March 24, 2020) and to offer classes in an online, virtual format beginning Wednesday, March 25, 2020. The Huntington University campus will remain open during the extended Spring Break (Saturday, March 14 through Tuesday, March 24, 2020).

- Monday and Tuesday, March 23-24, will be used for intensive professional development to ensure that faculty are prepared to deliver high quality virtual instruction to the students of Huntington University.
- HU Faculty will proactively prepare to shift to virtual models of instruction. In preparation for the move to virtual instruction, all faculty will have all of their courses visible on Moodle and utilize it as the primary learning management system for the delivery of virtual instruction. Your individual course material on Moodle will be available by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24th.
- As we move to virtual instruction, it is our hope that faculty will hold class synchronously via Zoom at the appointed class times, if possible, and when appropriate to the context of the class. Please remember all class times are scheduled according Eastern Standard Time. Technology Services is confident that there is sufficient bandwidth to accommodate robust Zoom participation. For technical questions please contact: helpdesk@huntington.edu.
- The writing center will continue to function virtually using Zoom technology. It is HU's intention to offer a combination of tutoring options using similar technology.
- As we to move to virtual instruction, some labs (computer, DMA, fine arts, research, etc.) may remain open for limited hours, but alternative approaches to fulfilling lab requirements may be required to ensure social distance and sterilization of equipment between users.
- The intention at the present time is for the campus to remain open through the end of the semester. We anticipate that offices, residence halls, and dining services will remain open (as of Monday, March 23rd) with heightened protocols in place to ensure social distance. It is important to note that all room visitation hours in residence halls will be suspended until further notice. Main lobbies will remain open for visitation, however, students are asked to exercise precautions by practicing social distancing and continuing the frequent use of hand sanitizer.
- Current Huntington County Department of Health guidelines suggest that institutions avoid gatherings of over 50 people. This will impact how we do chapel, and we are preparing to provide a virtual chapel experience. Chapel requirements may be relaxed if needed.
- All institutionally-sponsored international and domestic travel is being cancelled. If you make the personal choice to travel out of the country or to regions within the US that are more affected by COVID-19 than our local region, you must report this to the Student Life office prior to returning to campus. You may be required to self-quarantine depending on the severity of COVID-19 incidences in the regions visited.
- Huntington University leaders continue to be in frequent communication with local and regional health departments, with the Independent Colleges of Indiana, with a group of Northeast Indiana regional institutions and with our peers

on specific campuses. We are in uncharted waters, and the situation is dynamic. It is important for us all to remain flexible with one another and to be supportive of each other's best efforts as the situation continues to evolve.

- We are working through a discussion to cancel any events held on our campus that would involve more than 50 people gathered in one place which may alter how we conduct special events on campus. Decisions related to athletic contests will follow NAIA and/or Cross Road League guidelines and attendance may be limited to the participating teams and officials.
- Although no decision has been made on commencement activities and the graduation ceremony, there is a high probability that the University will need to consider hosting a virtual event.
- The University's current course of action will be reevaluated before April 10, 2020. Please continue to visit Huntington.edu/COVID-19 for further updates.