

Fall Semester 2021

Preliminary details regarding Fall Semester 2021 at YSU. As the plan evolves, more details will be shared with campus and on the Coronavirus Information webpage.

Fall Semester 2021 Planning

YSU's response to the coronavirus has been and will continue to be guided foremost by the safety of our students, faculty, staff and the public. As we move forward to re-engaging on campus for Fall Semester 2021, our primary goal is to ensure everyone's well-being while continuing to offer high-quality educational services. The university's plans for Fall Semester 2021 will also continue to be fully aligned with all guidance from the Governor, the Ohio Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the YSU Office of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety and the Youngstown Department of Health.

Protocols

Extensive safety protocols implemented at the start of the pandemic will remain in place for Fall Semester 2021, including masks, social distancing and hand sanitizing, as well as symptom monitoring and contact tracing. Review protocols on the Coronavirus Information page.

Vaccines

Our expectation is that, by August, the spread of the virus will be much reduced, thanks in large part to the vaccine. Our expectation is that by the start of Fall Semester 2021, vaccines will be available to the general population, meaning that the majority of students, employees and others returning to campus will have been vaccinated. We strongly encourage everyone to get the vaccine when available.

Face-to-Face Instruction

Our intention for Fall Semester 2021 is to return to a mix of on-campus and online classes similar to pre-COVID-19. That will mean significantly more face-to-face instruction on the YSU campus. Protocols such as masks and social distancing will remain throughout campus, including classrooms. For the safety of all, if pandemic conditions worsen through the semester, we may need to adapt course delivery modules.

Residence Halls

Our expectation is for our residence halls to return to pre-COVID 19 configurations and capacities for Fall Semester 2021, but will accommodate any and all student preferences with safety as our top priority.

Student Organizations

We plan for our nearly 180 student organizations to return to near normal levels of activity, including welcoming events and social activities as Fall Semester 2021 kicks off in August. Pandemic protocols will remain in place, and all activities will be held with safety as a priority.

Study Abroad

We will restart our study abroad programs as soon as it is safe to do so. Study abroad provides students with unmatched opportunities to experience other cultures while earning credit toward a degree.

Athletics Events

We anticipate that a limited number of fans will be permitted to attend athletics events during Fall

Semester 2021. Remember, students can attend games for free with their YSU ID, and discount tickets are also available to all employees.

Employees

As students return to campus and the university resumes near normal operations, we also look forward to the return of employees who have been working remotely during the pandemic. Safety protocols such as masks and social distancing will remain in place in all campus facilities and offices.