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## SEAVER COLLEGE

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**TO:** Seaver College Students  
**FROM:** Michael Feltner, Dean  
**DATE:** March 30, 2020  
**RE:** Seaver College Summer School Update

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Seaver College, we miss having you on campus. Our highest priority is to have you return to campus as soon as we can ensure a safe and healthy learning environment. As we evaluate new information coming in daily, Seaver has been developing multiple scenarios to achieve this goal for the summer of 2020. To that end, the Seaver College leadership team and I have made several important decisions about the summer term. I am hopeful this information is helpful as you continue your academic planning for the summer and beyond.

### **Summer 2020 International Programs**

Due to the ongoing global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Seaver College has suspended the operation of all international programs planned for the summer of 2020, except the London Harry Potter and Hamilton programs and the Fiji program. A decision on the operation of these three programs will be made at a later date. Specifically, the following international programs have been suspended:

- All programs at the Heidelberg, Lausanne, Florence, Buenos Aires, Shanghai, and Washington DC international campus sites
- All London campus programs beginning in May and June
- All Jordan and East Africa faculty-led programs
- The Prague Choir Tour

- The Edinburgh Theatre program
- The Global Fellows Israel trip

This decision is based on all information available to the University, including the spread of COVID-19, travel warnings from national and international organizations, commercial flight availability, academic programming needs, feedback from program directors, and our care for the student experience. To support students enrolled in summer IP programs, the college will offer all courses planned for each summer international program on the Malibu campus during the summer of 2020 to the greatest extent possible.

## Summer School 2020

Across our country and throughout higher education, the COVID-19 situation has created great disruption, and I know we all desire a return to normalcy and the routines of our pre-COVID lives. With this objective in mind, I am pleased to announce that Seaver College will offer every course planned for Sessions I, II, and III in Malibu during summer 2020, although many courses will be offered on a different timeline.

At this time, the likelihood of safely resuming in-person classes in Malibu during May is very low. Consequently, the college is deferring the start of Session I by four weeks and merging all classes planned for Sessions II and III into a single combined session. To further support the timely progress toward degree completion for all students, Seaver is adding an online summer session, Session A, during the previously planned Session I period. With these changes, the revised Seaver College academic calendar for summer 2020 is as follows:

Session	Dates	Courses Offered
Online Session A	May 11–June 5, 2020	Select GE Courses
Session I	June 8–July 2, 2020	Classes Planned for Session I
Combined Session II/III	July 6–31, 2020	Classes planned for Session II and Session III

We remain hopeful that the COVID-19 outlook will improve greatly and allow for a return to campus for the start of Session I on June 8. The University will continue to closely monitor the situation and the guidance from state and federal governmental agencies as we plan for the start of Session I. Should conditions preclude the safe resumption of classes in Malibu on June 8, we have contingency plans that provide alternate calendars for Sessions I and II/III delaying the start of each session to allow for in-person delivery of courses in Malibu. We also have prepared for the transition of all Session I, and, if necessary, all Session II/III classes for remote or online delivery. Whatever our future decisions, we will maintain regular communication with you and announce a decision on the start date and format for all Session I classes no later than May 18—three weeks before the planned start of the session.

## Special Financial Support—Free Room and Board on Campus

To further support your enrollment during the summer of 2020, Seaver College will offer additional financial support to all students enrolling in classes.

- Students enrolling in courses planned for the Malibu campus during the revised Session I or the combined Session II/III blocks will receive free on-campus housing in a double occupancy room and a 600 point on-campus meal plan during each session.
- Students living off-campus while enrolled in classes during Sessions I and II/III will receive a 600 point on-campus meal plan during each session.
- In both Sessions I and II/III, all meal plan points expire and do not roll forward at the end of each session.
- All students who complete an online course or courses during online Session A will receive a credit to their student account of either \$805, an amount equal to the cost of a double occupancy room and 600 point meal plan during an in-person summer session, or an amount equal to tuition less other forms of applicable financial aid. In all cases, the sum of financial aid and credit will not exceed the total cost of tuition.
- Additionally, all qualified students remain eligible to receive financial aid during the summer term.

Seaver College's commitment to serve students and ensure the quality of their educational experience remains steadfast in spite of the challenges wrought by COVID-19 throughout the world.

## Additional Registration Information

During Session A, the following courses are planned for offering: HUM 111, HUM 212, HUM 313, REL 301, HIST 204, ENG 380, COM 313, and POSC 104. Students may review Session I and combined Session II/III course offerings by logging into WaveNet. Due to the many changes associated with the addition of an academic session and revision of the summer term academic calendar, course offerings will not be finalized until April 6. For this reason, students planning to enroll in summer school should check WaveNet frequently for updates.

Registration for all summer classes remains open and all add, drop, and withdrawal fees for the 2020 summer term have been waived. Students registering for classes during Session A should be aware that most all classes will be delivered synchronously using the Zoom online learning platform.

All students are encouraged to reach out to either their faculty or OneStop advisor using the Navigate platform (or via email) to schedule an advising appointment to support their enrollment in summer school, if necessary.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Seaver College, I thank you for your continued perseverance and patience as we respond and adapt to the changes necessitated by COVID-19. All of us long for the day when we are on campus together providing the experience you seek and the one we are prepared to deliver. Until that day comes, please be well and stay safe. You remain in my prayers

