



**From the Desk of Dr. Jana Holwick, Dean of the College of Graduate & Undergraduate Studies at Life University**

I hope that this message finds you doing well during these unprecedented times. We understand that establishing a sense of normalcy is important to you and your success as a Life University student. Since COVID 19, the definition of “normal” has changed to a “new normal”. COVID 19 has required all of us to take inventory of our lives and determine how we are going to continue to obtain our dreams and reach our goals. We are aware students who apply and are accepted into the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies are aspiring to become exceptional leaders and compassionate citizens. In order to support our students, we are working diligently to make sure that your educational experience continues to be meaningful and without interruption. Some of our programs require hands-on, face-to-face interactions, while others can be delivered in an on-line or hybrid format.

CGUS administrators have created a hybrid approach for students returning to campus Fall 2020, using the CDC guidelines and the State of Georgia Governor’s Executive Order pertaining to COVID 19. This plan consists of all lecture courses meeting face-to-face one time per week, with the remainder of the course being remote. All labs will meet face-to-face based on their scheduled time. Our classes typically meet Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday OR Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday for a 5-credit hour course. Under the Fall scheduling model, lecture courses normally scheduled from 7:00 AM to 1:00PM will meet either Monday or Tuesday morning for face-to-face instruction. Lecture courses normally scheduled from 1:00PM to 5:00PM will meet either Wednesday or Thursday afternoon for face-to-face instruction. Courses scheduled for Friday only, will meet face-to-face on Friday.

A return to campus document has been posted on the Life University website and can be found under the COVID-19 tab. I encourage you to read through the document to gain a better understanding of the precautions that are being taken on campus to keep everyone safe. The on-ground lab rooms are completely outfitted with sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer. A sanitizing and hygiene protocol has been created and each faculty who teaches an on-campus lab has been trained on this protocol. This plan has been thoughtfully created being mindful of the importance of keeping students, faculty, staff, and the Life Community safe on campus. The plan has been successful, and our students on campus Summer 2020 quarter are happy to see the great lengths to which we have gone to create a safe learning environment for them. The University is staying up to date with the CDC guidelines and the State of Georgia Governor’s orders to ensure that we are maintaining a safe learning environment for all students.

I am excited that you have chosen Life University and the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies to continue your education and to build the foundation for a successful career. Life University is committed to the success of each and every one of our students. Thank you for becoming a part of Life University. I look forward to supporting you during your educational journey and to congratulating you when you receive your degree.