

9/1/21 Update from the college:

On August 31, the college's Board of Trustees met to consider providing additional clarity in regard to the vaccination requirement and to approve an MOU with faculty.

The board formally adopted a resolution that specifically addressed the vaccine requirement, exemptions and testing requirement. It states:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vaccine Requirement will be developed consistent with applicable legal requirements, including exceptions for medical conditions, including antibodies from prior infection, and sincerely held beliefs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any District employee, students and others who claim any exemption shall provide confirmation of a negative test within the three days prior to entering a campus facility to the District's Human Resources and/or Student Services department;

The second item considered by the Board was a faculty MOU regarding modality of classes this fall and in the spring. It sets up a process for faculty to alter modality when it is in the best interest of their students. It also supports students by ensuring that they have access to classes. Faculty will work with their deans to set up classes in one of four ways:

- Traditional face to face
- Traditional online (asynchronous)
- ERT (zoom)
- Hybrid (classes that combine in person faculty interaction with a distance component, such as "zoomers and roomers.")

Two important factors for students – synchronous classes cannot be converted to traditional online and classes that are taught fully on Zoom will include the ability for students to continue to participate from the classroom. For example, if a class in C-33 from 9:00 to 10:00 converts to Zoom, students who have other classes or don't have adequate space at home to participate can still go to C-33 and participate.