

Covid Policies

Dear Students,

Welcome back to a new semester! I hope everyone is happy and healthy and managing to survive the ongoing Covid concerns.

Pericles is implementing the following policies for the Fall 2020 semester:

- 1) Grading policies are back to normal. Meaning that the more lenient grading curve of spring and summer is now over.
- 2) All courses are available online on Zoom and many classes are available in hyflex mode (meaning you can choose to come to class or attend online).
 - a. Please understand that hyflex classes are challenging to administer from a technical standpoint. It may be difficult for remote students to hear everything being said in class and may be difficult for students in class to hear remote students.
 - b. We highly recommend that students coming to study in person bring laptops or tablets to better be able to interact with students online.
 - c. If a course regularly has 3 or fewer students attending in person, we reserve the option to only provide classes online.
- 3) Pericles regular policy about the numbers of allowed absences is back in effect.
 - a. Being present in class means being present either in person or online with your camera on and ability to participate audibly.
 - b. Online attendance is expected to be synchronous with class time so that you can participate in class discussion and exercises. If you cannot attend class synchronously, you should talk to your professors about their attendance policy and whether they will allow asynchronous attendance. The attendance policy is usually listed in the course syllabus.
 - c. Classes will be recorded so that students who cannot attend or have connection difficulties can listen to the class later, but this does not substitute for regular synchronous class attendance. Whether asynchronous attendance can make up an absence is at the professor's discretion.
 - d. If you have connection problems and cannot use your camera, Professors may waive the camera requirement, but may require you to perform additional work to prove that you were present and attentive.
 - e. If you become ill and cannot attend either online or in person, and you have a doctor's certificate evidencing this, Pericles will waive the

minimum attendance requirement provided you can watch the lectures online and complete the professor's requirements for additional work to ensure that you learned the material. If you miss so much that it's impossible to make up for lack of attendance, Pericles will allow you to move your registration to the next time the class is offered with no loss of tuition fees.

- 4) If you are ill with any type of respiratory infection whatsoever (coughing, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat), have a fever, or are in a high risk category, you should attend class online rather than in person.
- 5) Wearing masks over both nose and mouth whenever in the building is mandatory for students, professors and administrators. Professors are allowed not to wear masks when they deliver lectures but need to wear them at other times.
 - a. If you are not wearing a mask over **both** your nose and mouth, professors and administrators have the right to ask you to properly put on a mask, purchase a mask in the Pericles office, or leave class. They may call the guards to remove you from class if you do not do this voluntarily.
 - b. If you don't have a mask, Pericles has masks on sale at the reception desk for 20 rubles.
- 6) Social distancing is required in the building.
 - a. Please do not shake hands.
 - b. Please keep a distance of 1.5 meters from your colleagues whenever you are seated or standing around talking.
 - c. In class, if in a classroom with a standard lecture format for chairs, please maintain two empty seats between you and your nearest horizontal neighbor, and sit in every other row of chairs.
- 7) The building entrance has a body temperature check point, and you will not be admitted to the building with a temperature 38 or over. You will also not be admitted without a mask on. Gloves are optional, but if not wearing gloves you should use the hand sanitizers available at the building entrance and at various places around the building.

I understand that these policies might seem inconvenient for some of you, but people have varying health concerns. It's our aim that everyone feel safe during their studies and finish the semester in good health, both physically and mentally.

Thank you for your attention.

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