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Today's Headlines

July 31, 2020

The Roaring Return - Latest Updates Fall 2020 Residential Requirement Change

In response to a growing concern with COVID-19 and living in a residential hall setting, Lindenwood University is temporarily suspending the residential requirement for new students and all students otherwise required to live on campus, including student-athletes, Presidential Scholars, and Sibley Scholars. Students now have the flexibility to live either on or off campus. [Continue reading.](#)

How to Add Your Pronouns in Canvas Refresher #LionsUnited

Greetings LU Community! Just a quick refresher on how to add your pronouns in [Canvas](#). Here's how: Account > Settings > Edit Settings > Pronouns > Select Pronouns > Update Settings. We thank you in advance, and if there are questions about this process, please contact Jennifer Spellazza, jspellazza@lindenwood.edu #LionsUnited

TIAA Virtual Meetings Available

Employees can meet with a TIAA financial consultant virtually.

No matter where you are in life, getting started or planning for retirement, a session with Lara Mayhew can help you create a unique plan for your goals. And, it's at no additional cost as a part of your retirement plan. Lara will be offering virtual meetings on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020.

Please see the [flier](#) for instructions on how to book a session



Roaring Return - The Plan to Reopen Campus

With Lindenwood University's announcement regarding the Roaring Return to campus this fall, we are prepared and ready to welcome our community. Departments campus-wide have worked together to implement innovative strategies and wellness protocols to keep our campus safe and help Protect the Pride. Every member of the Lindenwood community – students, faculty, and staff – plays an important role in making this Roaring Return a success.

[View the plan to reopen campus](#)

[View the university safety protocols](#)



To facilitate a successful fall semester, modifications to our fall academic calendar are necessary. Fall Break has been integrated into the Thanksgiving holiday break to reduce the need for travel away from campus. Accordingly, after Nov. 20, all courses will be held in a virtual-only format so students may remain home after Thanksgiving. Campus residences and dining will remain open and available for those who wish to return to campus for the duration of the semester; however, there will be no in-person class meetings after Nov. 20.

Fall classes will be offered in a hybrid in-person/virtual format to align with physical distancing and room capacity guidelines. We have installed [upgraded technology](#) and added protective barriers in every classroom to support a safe classroom experience for students and faculty. Academic Affairs is reviewing the course schedule and making necessary modifications.



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LEARNING ACADEMY

Teaching with OWL and Big Blue Button: Upcoming Learning Opportunities for Faculty

As we approach the fall semester, there will be many opportunities for faculty to become familiar with the technology that will allow them to interface with students in person and virtually at the same time from the classroom, as well as to record class sessions for students who will view them asynchronously.

- Lindenwood Online will provide virtual and on-ground training sessions on OWL and Big Blue Button/Canvas Conferences
- IT will provide dates and times when faculty can come to campus to get hands-on experience with the technology in a classroom

Full-time and part-time faculty are encouraged to take advantage of these learning opportunities. There will also be training sessions on OWL and Big Blue Button (but not hands-on classroom hours) during the Adjunct Conference for part-time faculty.

Trainings

Virtual and on-campus trainings will begin the week of July 27 and continue through the week of Aug. 17. Registration is currently open for the first seven trainings that will occur the week of July 27. Please visit the [Learning Events Calendar](#) to register. Dates, times, and registration for subsequent trainings will be available on the calendar soon.

Please try to attend any sessions for which you register, as we want to ensure that as many faculty as possible have the chance to learn about and experience these technologies before the fall semester begins. If you know in advance that you won't be able to attend a session for which you've registered, please notify [Brittany Gutermuth](#) so that your registration can be cancelled and your spot can be released to another faculty member.

Hands-on Experience

LARC 124 will be open to faculty at specified times, on specified dates beginning the week of July 27 to allow for hands-on experience using the OWL. Details will be provided in next week's Digest.

Safety

Before coming to campus for on-ground trainings or hands-on experience sessions, faculty will need to

- Complete the Return to Campus Safety video within SafeColleges (link is in Workday task found in your Workday inbox).
- Read and review the safety protocols provided in Workday.
- Check the box acknowledging receipt, understanding, and ability to comply with established safety protocols in Workday and follow safety protocols when on campus.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

All in-person events have been cancelled until further notice. [See the list of all virtual events.](#) If you would like to have a virtual event posted, please send any applicable posts via the online Marketing and Communications [project request form.](#)

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