UMSummer’s Response to COVID-19
As of April 8, 2020

The University of Montana is taking action to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus and to protect the health and safety of our community. Actions being taken are in a proactive effort to safeguard the health and wellness of our students, faculty and staff, as well as the broader Missoula community. For more information, please visit: umt.edu/coronavirus

On April 8, University of Montana Provost and Executive Vice President, Jon Harbor communicated that “all summer courses will be conducted online or remotely, not just those starting in May, as previously announced” as well as “all previously scheduled face-to-face courses will be moved to a remote delivery option.” Provost Harbor’s full communication will be posted on umt.edu/coronavirus under “UM Messages.”

Please know that that just because we are not currently able to meet face-to-face on campus this summer does not mean that the learning has to stop or will stop. Summer is still a great time to get ahead, catch-up and/or have the chance to learn about something you are interested in, from wherever you may be. With that in mind, please find further updates and helpful information below for students, course instructors and information on summer camps, institutes and events for summer 2020, as well as the distinction between “online”, “remote” and “blended” learning and classes.

ONLINE VS. REMOTE VS. BLENDED

- **Online** courses are “courses in which 100% of the course is offered completely online and asynchronously, with no face-to-face interaction between instructors and students.” Courses that are completely online have a fee of $48.00 per credit hour.

- **Remote** courses are courses that have been “transitioned from face-to-face or blended instruction to remote using familiar resources such as Zoom, Box, email and/or phone.” The majority of these courses are synchronous, although they may involve some asynchronous activities, such as full lectures being recorded and then viewed on Moodle. There is no online learning fee for remote courses.

- **Blended** courses are courses that have a mix of both online and remote learning. These courses are not very common and courses that are blended have a fee of $24.00 per credit hour.

STUDENTS:
- To view all summer courses, please click [here](#), select “Summer Session 2020” from the drop down arrow and click “Continue.”

- **Internships and independent studies** may still take place this summer. Understandably, these will be completely dependent on the situation, placement site, and departmental approval. Please direct questions to your academic adviser, major department, or the Office of Experiential Learning and Career Success. You can also call the Office of Experiential Learning directly at (406) 243-2022.

- **Housing & Dining** will still be available for students that are using UM’s facilities this summer. For up-to-date information, please visit UM’s Housing Website and/or UM’s Dining Website.
• **Finances:**
  ✓ Student summer bills will be visible to students on the afternoon of April 13.
  ✓ The [Financial Aid Office](#) is reviewing applications for summer aid for students. Their estimated turnaround time is two weeks from when a student turns in an aid application.
  ✓ Courses that are completely online have a fee of $48 per credit hour and courses that are blended have a fee of $24 per credit hour.
  ✓ There will be NO additional fees for remote learning courses.

**INSTRUCTORS:**
• Please plan on making the transition to remote as soon as you are able. Communication from you to your enrolled students will be imperative during this transition.
• In order to move your face-to-face course to remote delivery so students can see it in Cyberbear, the Office of the Registrar is requesting that you please use the remote designation, denoted by “R”.
  ✓ This will be treated like any other face-to-face course, barring Distance Only students from enrolling.
  ✓ These courses will have section numbers 0x, 1x, 2x.
  ✓ These courses will have synchronous meeting patterns.
  ✓ Location on these courses will be “OFF.”
• To move a face-to-face course to a blended course, you should choose one or the other for the designation (“R” for remote or “I” for online), but you can still use both methods in your course. Courses that require live or synchronous meeting times or activities should be identified as remote courses. If a face-to-face course transfers to a blended course, a student will be charged for the online learning fee of $24 per credit hour.
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**SUMMER CAMPS/INSTITUTES/EVENTS:**
• Summer camps and institutes for K-12 students planned in May are cancelled or postponed. For June, July, and August camps, we are recommending that the individual camp, institute or experience make the call 8 weeks prior to the start date of their event.
• If you are currently planning to host a UM-Sponsored (Ie: UM gets a partial amount of the fees) Summer Camp in 2020, please fill out this mandatory 5-minute liability insurance survey by Friday, April 17. This information is required for the Office of Risk Management.

**SUPPORT:**
• If you have additional questions, comments or concerns, please contact the UMSummer Office at UMSummer@mso.umt.edu or visit our website. We hope that everyone stays safe and healthy, and we continue to be here for you if you need anything.