

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Viterbi Faculty, Staff and Students
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Subject: Fall 2022 Semester Update



Welcome back to a new academic year! At this time, we expect that Viterbi classes for the Fall 2022 Semester will be back to the usual pre-pandemic instruction modality.

On-campus students — namely undergraduate students, non-DEN master's students, and doctoral students — will be expected to return to fully in-person classes.

For our international students, the USC Office of International Services (OIS) recently [announced](#) a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) update that continues last year's SEVP guidelines (*i.e.*, on-campus international students must be enrolled in at least one in-person class).

Regarding the possibility of remote attendance in Viterbi classes:

- Viterbi will not offer online options for non-DEN courses (except for very rare exceptions).
- International master's students who are unable to attend in-person, due to visa issues or travel restrictions, will have the option to enroll in DEN-enabled classes through the [DEN petition process](#); alternately, continuing students may take [leaves of absence](#), and new students may defer enrollment to start in the Spring semester by [updating their admission term](#).
- On-campus students who test positive for COVID or are required to isolate should not attend class; Viterbi faculty should continue to grant make-up accommodations as per university health policy (following normal pre-COVID practices).
- A faculty member who tests positive for COVID or is required to isolate should either reschedule the class, work with the department to have someone else teach, or teach remotely during that short duration.

Students who have medical concerns should be referred to the Office of Student Accessibility Services (OSAS) and the Fall 2022 guidance on their website (osas.usc.edu).

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your department/program or our VASE advising team.

Our best wishes for a successful semester!

