

COVID-19 Syllabus Information

Odessa College continues to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and align our college planning with guidance from the [local](#) and [state](#) health officials. Our primary goal is to protect the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and the Odessa community, while delivering quality education. We will continue to communicate as more information becomes available.

All face-to-face and online courses for Spring 2 and the second half of the 16-week Spring semester will begin March 23rd and meet remotely using Blackboard. Due to the one-week delay in resuming the Spring 2020 semester after Spring Break, the end of the Spring semester and Spring 2 term has been extended to May 14, 2020 (May 16, 2020 for weekend college). The academic calendar for Maymester through Summer 2 terms in 2020 have also been adjusted, accordingly. Please refer to the [OC Academic Calendar](#) online.

Odessa College COVID-19 Safety Protocol

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty. For information about handwashing, see [CDC's Handwashing website](#).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

Odessa College COVID-19 Instructional Guidelines

Odessa College continues to be the school of choice for students in the local area, as well as around the world. Quality education has moved to a remote delivery format, when feasible, which includes one or more of the following methods:

- Livestreaming instruction (synchronous)
- Recorded instruction (asynchronous)
- Online or web activities using the Blackboard platform
- Video capture, both live and recorded sessions
- Use of open educational resources (OER) in place of traditional textbooks, as available

Odessa College COVID-19 Lab Safety Protocol

In accordance with the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, Odessa College will follow these guidelines:

- Groups of 10 may be scheduled for small group labs, where hands-on skills are necessary to be practiced or demonstrated
- Social distancing will be practiced to reduce the risk of catching something
- Faculty and students will be screened prior to entering a lab or classroom, which will include:
 - Taking each person's temperature
 - Asking CDC-standard questions
- All persons will wash hands with soap and water, upon admittance
- Students and faculty will participate in sanitation and cleaning of equipment and workspace at conclusion of each session

Students are encouraged to:

- Log in to [Blackboard](#) and communicate with your faculty daily
- Study and complete assignments in a timely manner
- Ask questions along the way
- Stay tuned to their [OC email](#) and the [Odessa College webpage](#) for additional information or other changes that may be announced