

Subject: From Dean Quick: Course Options for Spring 2021



October 7, 2020

Dear Graduate Students,

As we look ahead to the spring, I want to assure you that the health, safety, and academic success of our graduate students remain top concerns of the University, and that we understand that different students have different learning needs that are best met by different class formats. In order to provide as much flexibility as possible during the COVID 19 pandemic, we need to understand your plans and preferences for the spring.

SMU will continue to allow students to enroll in courses as fully remote students during Spring 2021. If you intend to change your status for Spring 2021—i.e., if you are not fully remote this fall but intend to be for the spring, or if you are fully remote for the fall but intend to transition to in-person attendance for the spring—we ask that you please notify us by **Friday, November 13**. You can use [this form](#) to notify us of your intended change of status. Please rest assured, if your circumstances change, you will still be able to request a change in status after November 13. You can find additional information about what it means to be fully remote and resources for fully remote students on this [webpage](#).

Please also work closely with the staff in your graduate program to make sure that your preferences are registered and that reasonable accommodations are made. Since graduate students' courses of study are largely program-specific, it will be important to ensure that your department and school have the information they need to help you achieve academic success.

You will also have an opportunity to express your modality preferences through a University-wide survey going out this week. We encourage you to check regularly for emails from my office in the coming weeks to ensure you are aware of all upcoming options.

SMU is committed to your academic success. We will continue to share information about the spring as soon as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. Quick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

James E. Quick

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