

In response to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, the Faculty Senate of Iowa State University assures students, families, and members of the ISU community that we will strive to maintain the highest quality of teaching and learning possible with the recently required changes in delivery of course content, exams, student projects, and other academic interactions between students and faculty.

ISU faculty are committed to the principle that student instruction is paramount to our mission as faculty.

Regardless of possible challenges in course content delivery, we resolve that the academic integrity of the courses we teach will not be compromised, and faculty will do everything possible to assist students in the timely completion of coursework and degrees.

We call upon all members of the ISU community to work together to meet these goals and overcome these temporary challenges. Please bear these further items in mind:

1. Faculty may need to make changes to course syllabi, especially for courses that have a hands-on experiential learning component (for example, laboratories, studios, etc.), including changes to grading policies to accommodate the required changes in pedagogical methods that are necessitated by the change in course delivery.
2. While faculty will work hard to continue to provide course materials and learning opportunities for students under these difficult circumstances, success also requires that students take responsibility for their own learning.
3. We remind all members of the community of ISU's code of ethics, especially the principles concerning academic integrity.