



MEMORANDUM

May 25, 2020

Subject: Fall 2020 - Mode of Instruction

Allard Law will be offering the majority of upper year courses and seminars remotely this autumn term (Term 1, 2020 Winter Session). The only exception is that a small number of our clinical or experiential programs will have a mandatory in-person requirement (assuming that public health directives continue to permit this). We are also hoping to be able to arrange for some small group meetings of upper year students and classes, but these gatherings will be optional. We are sticking with a Vancouver time-zone schedule, but are willing to work on options for anyone who is completely on the other side of the globe.

The bottom line is: you can be a full-time student this autumn without coming to campus if you pay attention to just a few exceptions when you register.

If we are able to relax these restrictions in second term, and provide more opportunities for in-person instruction, we will continue to provide the ability to learn online for those who cannot physically attend. As you can imagine, this is a complex undertaking and our faculty are hard at work developing online learning experiences that will provide you with excellent instruction. We expect that some of this online learning will take place in real time, while other sessions will be pre-recorded or available to work through at your own pace. Our Student and Academic Services Office, and our Career Services Office, are also thinking through how these changes will impact your student experience and your job searches. Everyone at Allard is working hard to develop online academic success, wellbeing, and career-related programming to ensure that we support you as you navigate this strange time.

What does this mean for your planning for the upcoming academic year? You will need to make sure that you have a location and equipment that will allow you to take your law school classes online (including a private, quiet space for your exams, which will be held remotely this autumn). **If you are planning to live outside of North America during the 2020-21 year**, please contact Student Services directly (studentservices@allard.ubc.ca) to discuss your individual situation.

If you have questions, the fastest route to follow up information is by contacting our Student Services team at studentservices@allard.ubc.ca. Our entire Student Services team is currently working from home, as are all Allard Law faculty and staff, but they are available by email, Zoom, or phone and would be very happy to connect with you.