

COVID-19 (coronavirus) Student FAQs | April 17, 2020

Is Midland offering refunds?

Midland University's 2020 Student Refund and Financial Assistance Plan has been announced. To learn more, [click here](#).

Is Midland altering its grading policy for the 2020 spring semester?

Due to the circumstances surrounding the global COVID-19 pandemic and the additional stress and pressures this has placed on our student population, Midland University will allow undergraduate students to opt out of the A-F grade for most courses for the Spring 2020 semester and use a Pass, Pass Marginal, No Credit system. To learn more, or for instructions on how students can option into the policy, [click here](#):

Will campus remain open the remainder of the semester?

All campus services continue to be available to students through virtual means however, due to recent state-wide health directives we are closing most parts of campus and limiting activities to essential duties only. Those students who were granted an exception will be allowed to remain on campus. The Olson Student Center and the Library remain open with limited staff. All other services remain open and can be accessed virtually.

When can we pick up our items from residence halls? When do students have to have their residence hall rooms cleaned out?

Students are required to move out of the Residence Halls unless they have been granted an exception to stay on campus. Students who have returned home but still need to retrieve their belongings from the Residence Halls can check-out from now until April 15th at 4:30 pm. If you need to make special arrangements, contact Midland Student Affairs at . ***Please note - potential refunds of spring room and board charges will only be awarded to students who left on or before April 15, 2020.

What is the status of campus events through the end of the semester?

Student events that have been changed from their traditional form, as of this time include: Student Awards Banquet, Research Fair, Nursing Pinning Ceremony, and Commencement. We will not be hosting those events on campus, but are working on plans to hold those events virtually. More information will be provided as it becomes available concerning other campus events.

What are the plans for Commencement? Will I still be responsible for graduation fees, even if there is no commencement ceremony? Will I be refunded if I have already paid those fees?

Commencement is an important event for all of us and we are making plans to celebrate your achievements. Your diploma covers, honors cords, caps, and gowns will be mailed to you prior to the celebration. Please refer to emails from Shalena Findlay to ensure we have your correct address

and to upload your picture. There will be a virtual ceremony that will take place on May 16th. We are also planning on a special gathering that would take place over homecoming weekend, which is scheduled for the second weekend of October. There will be an opportunity to take part in a formal commencement ceremony in December as all 2020 graduates will be welcomed to walk across the stage. We are finalizing plans for each of these events and will share more details with you in the near future

I am several time zones away from Midland, so my online classes are at difficult times for me. What am I supposed to do?

We understand the many challenges facing our students and encourage all students to work directly with their professors for specific accommodations when faced with such challenges.

Will I be able to continue with my internship this semester? If I am unable to continue, will that affect my grade?

You may continue in your internship if allowed by your employer. If you are unable to continue, please communicate with your faculty internship coordinator and your internship site supervisor. Your faculty internship coordinator will communicate more information with you. Please contact them for any additional questions.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) Student FAQs | April 1, 2020

Is Midland offering refunds?

We understand the questions regarding a potential refund of spring charges. The most recent federal government stimulus package includes allocations for relief for students & schools who were forced to move to online instruction due to the pandemic. Midland is working to understand the components of the stimulus and will be able to communicate the impacts as soon as we receive direction from the Department of Education on how to proceed. In the meantime, students electing to stay on campus, the residence halls and dining hall are available to you. However, to be eligible for any possible refunds of room or board charges, you must have exited campus on or before April 15, 2020. All campus services continue to be available to all students through virtual means.

Will campus remain open the remainder of the semester?

Our plan at this time is for the campus to remain open, which includes the physical spaces of the residence halls, dining hall, and the library. All campus services continue to be available to all students through virtual means. As this is a fluid situation, we will keep you aware of any changes.

What is the status of campus events through the end of the semester?

Student events that have been canceled, in their traditional form, as of this time include: Student Awards Banquet, Research Fair, Nursing Pinning Ceremony, and Commencement. We will not be hosting those events on campus, but are working on plans to hold those events virtually. More information will be provided as it becomes available concerning other campus events.

What are the plans for graduation? Will I still be responsible for graduation fees, even if there is no commencement ceremony? Will I be refunded if I have already paid those fees?

Commencement is an important event for all of us and we are continuing to explore ways to celebrate your achievements. Academic Affairs will be contacting graduates concerning graduation plans, fees, and refunds.

When can we pick up our students' items? When do students have to have their dorm rooms cleaned out?

Students are not required to move out of the Residence Halls. Students who do choose to move out of the Residence Halls, who are currently on campus, can check-out from now until Friday, March 20th at 4:00 pm. After Spring Break, students who choose to move out will again have the opportunity to check-out from April 1st-15th. If you need to make special arrangements, contact Midland Student Affairs at studentaffairs@midlandu.edu.

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COVID-19 (coronavirus) Student FAQs | March 13, 2020

Have any Midland students, faculty, or staff members tested positive for the COVID-19 (coronavirus)?

No. Currently, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Midland, in Fremont or in Dodge County. Our measures to this point have all been proactive in an attempt to practice social distancing and mitigate and suppress the potential spread of the virus.

Why are we continuing with online learning if campus is open? If I return to campus, can I feel safe in a group gathering?

Out of an abundance of caution, Midland is following the recommendation of local health officials to limit large gatherings. Staying online allows us to practice social distancing while teaching and learning continues. We will continue to use discretion as it pertains to group gatherings.

I am going home, but I'm not certain I will have wifi access. How do I participate in class?

You will need to access wifi in order to participate in class. If you choose to leave campus, places you might be able to access the internet would be a public library, coffee shop, restaurant, etc. If you cannot locate a place off-campus with wifi, you should stay on campus. The Midland University library is accessible to students who are in Fremont but without wifi.

I am going home for the duration of online learning. Can I get a refund for room and board?

While the campus remains open, no refunds will be given for room and board. All campus services, including food service, residence life, career services, academic support, advising, financial aid, etc, will be available to students both on-campus and remotely while classes are being taught online. Students with questions on how to access these resources should contact their advisor, faculty member or coach with questions.

Can I complete the semester online?

Face-to-face classes are currently scheduled to resume in Fremont on April 6th. Students are expected to be present in class on campus. If this changes, notification will be given no later than March 27th.

I have a work-study position on campus. Will I be allowed to work? Am I allowed to work additional hours to make up for lost time this week?

Yes. Contact your supervisor to confirm office hours and availability of work.

Will I be compensated for lost wages due as the result of being unable to take part in an external internship?

COVID-19 has caused disruption to traditional employment worldwide. We will not be able to compensate students for any lost wages. If you are participating in an external experience, check with your supervisor about your ability to increase hours or make up lost wages.

I am involved with a clinical/student teaching experience. Will I be able to continue participation in this program?

Students will be able to return to credit bearing experiences with approval from their external partner. Students are asked to work with the assigned faculty for that experience.

Are there any changes regarding Spring Break?

Spring Break will take place from March 23-27, as previously scheduled.

Am I allowed to travel during Spring Break?

Students are allowed to travel during Spring Break, however we strongly encourage students, faculty, and staff to consider whether personal travel is essential. COVID-19 is spreading rapidly both internationally and domestically and limitations and bans can be put into effect with little or no warning. Upon completion of any travel – faculty, staff and students must follow the recommendations from the CDC and the appropriate local public health authority.

Will there be a screening process in place upon my return to campus?

The Midland University Student Health Department will work with students prior to in-class sessions resuming on April 6 in order to ensure the safest possible environment. Details will be provided as they become available.

Can I still practice for my extracurricular activity?

All University athletics and performing arts activities and events have been suspended through April 5. No team practice or competition is allowed during this time. For further questions regarding extracurricular activities, participants should be in contact with their coach, supervisor, or organizational leader.

Midland University encourages all students to continue to practice good hygiene and follow the advice of local health officials. We will keep you updated as new information becomes available.