

ACCELERATED SCIENCES ONLINE INSTRUCTION FAQs

As of March 13, 2020, SCU has suspended classes on campus in consideration of COVID-19. During this time, Accelerated Sciences classes will take place as scheduled **online**.

1. Should I still be enrolling in Accelerated Science classes?

Yes! SCU is well equipped to provide online instruction, and we have made special accommodations for students as it relates to the lab component of our courses. Our Accelerated Sciences division is committed to helping our students continue their education. We have both online synchronous (with specific class times) and online asynchronous (no specific class times) options for our courses, allowing students to choose the modality that works best for them. .

2. What technology requirements do I need to participate in online lectures and labs?

A computer
A WebCam
Reliable internet connection
A microphone
Zoom program (you can download from a link through your class's Canvas page)

3. What are the online lectures going to be like?

Online lectures may include pre-recorded videos that you can watch in your own time accompanied by an hour of videoconference discussions scheduled during regular class time. Instructors may also conduct all lectures through Zoom videoconferencing during regular class times. Please contact your instructor for details about your specific class format. **Plan to be “in class” through your computer at home during regularly scheduled class times.**

4. What are the online labs going to be like?

We have a variety of good resources that provide virtual labs. In Biology classes, labs involve simulations of the human body, cell plates and experiments. In Chemistry classes, you'll watch videos of lab processes and be given data to do your own calculations and write your report.

5. Will the move to an online platform impact how courses are recorded on my transcript?

All SCU courses are recorded the same way on your transcript, regardless of modality. There will be no change in the how your courses are recorded.

6. The graduate program I am applying to requires in-person labs. What should I do?

The Department of Education has asked all schools to take into consideration these emergency circumstances related to COVID-19 and online instruction. Because of this, we have shifted all of our labs online. Students are encouraged to continue their education uninterrupted during this global pandemic, and therefore are encouraged to complete their labs online.

As is always the case, SCU cannot guarantee the transferability of our courses because those decisions are made by the receiving institution. You may want to contact your institution to determine their policy on online versus ground labs, which may change due to the global pandemic. Regardless, SCU is committed to making ground labs available when the campus is able to reopen and resume normal operations. *Students who have completed a course with an online lab that determine later that they need a ground lab will be given the opportunity to “make up” the ground lab.*

7. I do not wish to continue this class at SCU. What happens if I drop the class now?

As is always the case, students have the option of dropping a class. Our current policies are as follows:

- The deadline to drop a class with a W is by Day 14 of your class. If you drop your class after this deadline, you will receive a WF on your transcript.
- The deadline to drop a class for a 25% refund is Day 9 of your class. There are no refunds for drops after this date.

8. When will your Fall 2020 course schedule be up so that I can plan in advance?

The Fall 2020 course schedule will be available in May 2020.

If you have questions that are not answered here, please contact Winmar Way, Director of Accelerated Sciences (winmarway@scuhs.edu).

Stay safe and healthy! We'll see you back on campus soon.

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