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Any student who has additional questions or concerns regarding instructional matters and/or grading methodologies is encouraged to confer first with the instructor of the class and, if deemed necessary, with the instructor's department chair. If the matter is not resolved satisfactorily at the first two levels, the student should confer with the Dean of the School. If no resolution occurs, at any of these levels, the third level of resolution is with the Assistant Provost. Please call 256-726-7000 if you have any questions.

Adjustment 3: New Commencement Date identified

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 virus pandemic and work to further minimize health risks to our faculty, staff and students. On March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended that “for the next eight weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.”

Graduation weekend activities were originally scheduled to begin in four weeks culminating in commencement on May 9, 2020. However, the difficult decision has been made to postpone our Spring Commencement exercises until the weekend of July 29-August 1, 2020. We understand the disappointment many will feel. Commencement is a time of great celebration for our graduates, their family, and friends, who travel great distances to share in the joy of the occasion. This decision was made with consideration of the great risk holding the event would pose to many supporters of our graduates, who are among the most vulnerable populations. Postponing the ceremony does not affect the conferral of degrees. This date is subject to change depending on the spread of COVID-19 in the U.S. and the State of Alabama.

Adjustment 4: New 2020-2021 Fall Thanksgiving/Christmas Break Voted

The Fall Semester of 2020 will provide Oakwood University students a new Thanksgiving/Christmas break period similar to the former quarter system under which many of us attended Oakwood. Beginning on November 24, 2020, the Thanksgiving break will extend 5 weeks through the Christmas Holidays, with school resuming in January. Please see the calendar below:

The Fall Semester 2020 academic calendar has been amended. No adjustments have been made to the Spring 2021 academic calendar.

Instruction Begins – Monday, August 10, 2020

Instruction Ends – Friday, November 20, 2020

Final Exams – Sunday, November 22, 2020 – Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Departure/Travel Day – Wednesday, November 25, 2020

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