Dear USC Marshall Undergraduate Students,

As the beginning of the Fall semester approaches, we look forward to seeing you all back on campus. As USC has entered Phase 5 of its reopening plans, we are pleased that the Marshall School of Business will be able to conduct our Fall 2021 classes in person without classroom occupancy constraints.

We don’t yet have all the answers, but our expectation is that all Marshall and Leventhal classes will be taught in person and on campus during the Fall 2021 semester with only a small number of exceptions. In consultation with the University, Marshall has prepared guidelines for both our faculty and students.

Marshall will accommodate students who are unable to attend classes in person for the following reasons and by approval only:

1) Students for whom it would be medically unsafe to attend classes.
   - These students should promptly contact USC's Office of Student Accessibility Services (OSAS) regarding the registration process for accommodations.
   - If students receive an accommodation letter from OSAS, they must notify their course instructors directly.

2) Students who are overseas and unable to enter the United States prior to the start of the Fall semester because of visa or travel restrictions beyond their control.
   - These students should complete the following petition to request special accommodation for Marshall and Leventhal classes either for the entire term or until they arrive in country.
   - If approved, students will receive a letter from the Marshall International Programs office and must notify their course instructors directly.

Please note that Marshall-provided accommodations apply as follows:

- Marshall and Leventhal classes:
  - All BUAD, ACCT, BAEP, BUCA, DSO, FBE, MKT, and MOR classes
  - ECON 351 and ECON 352
  - WRIT 340 (Advanced Writing for Business sections only)
- Non-Marshall classes:
  - Accommodations for non-Marshall classes are at the discretion of the respective departments and schools and cannot be guaranteed.

Course instructors will provide reasonable accommodations for students registered in their classes who fall into one of the above two categories only; all other students are expected to attend in person.

For updates on USC’s Restart framework, please visit here. As the campus opens, the health and safety of the entire USC and Marshall community continues to be our highest priority. Per USC’s policy, all students, faculty, and staff are expected to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus or to present an approved medical or religious exemption. Currently, USC is requiring everyone to wear masks indoors in line with the LA County Department of Health Public Order. In accordance with the July 22, 2021 memo from USC Chief Health Officer Sarah Van Orman, anyone with COVID-19 symptoms is advised to please stay at home (do not go to work, attend class, or any other campus activity) until you are able to test.

We realize you may have many questions about how the semester will play out. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work through this transition together. We will continue to communicate updates; please be sure to stay informed.

We can’t wait to welcome you back to campus.

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