



STUDENT TRUSTEE
STUDENT FORUM via Zoom
Held: July 15, 2020

Questions:

- **How can students join programs like EOPS, TRIO, etc. if not already a part of them?**
 - Please complete the online application and press submit to have your application sent to the EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs department.
 - [EOPS: How to Apply](#)

- **How will labs work online for chemistry, biology and other science classes?**
 - Some science classes with labs will be completely online: BIOL 1510, ASTR 1511, and BIOL 2220. Human Anatomy (BIOL 2250, Section 53007) and Physiology (BIOL 2257, Section 52375) has recently moved to completely online. Some science classes with labs will be taught in a hybrid format where students come to campus for labs in smaller groups (half the class at a time) to allow for physical spacing. These include BIOL 2250, BIOL 2260, CHEM 1510, CHEM 2211, and CHEM 2212. Some science classes with labs will have some sections of the class that meet completely online, and other sections that meet in the hybrid model: BIOL 2257, and CHEM 1510.
 - [Class Schedule and Distance Education Class Schedule](#)
 - [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#)
 - Please contact your instructor for any specific questions about your class.

- **Will students still be able to get a job at school?**
 - Only certain areas on campus have authorization to have student-workers. Students are encouraged to submit their resumes via [College Central Network](#) for supervisors in the approved areas to view students for interviews/hire. We will definitely have limited positions available.

Questions:

- **How will students be able to join a club?**
 - All clubs will have a canvas shell/course. Students can log into canvas and join the Student Life course. There, they will find the links to all the different canvas club courses as well as more information about campus life.
 - Information will also be posted on the Taft College website on the [Student Life Page](#).
 - [Student Life Canvas Shell](#)

- **Will students be able to stay in the dorms for the spring?**
 - The status of the dorms will be dependent on the mandated guidelines set forth by the Governor of California. Taft College Administration will make the final decision.
 - Students are encouraged to submit a dorm application and deposit to reserve accommodations if they are interested in living in the dorms during the spring 2021 semester.

- **Are students able to go to campus if necessary?**
 - Students may only visit the campus by appointment at the current time. Appointments for campus visits can be made for the following areas: Counseling, Admissions, and Financial Aid. Other services that are available are the Cafeteria, **for food to go**, and the Library, to get student ID cards made.
 - **Please remember to wear a mask when you visit and to follow the check-in protocol.**
 - **A temperature check station will be in the administration building.**
 - **Please do not come to campus without an appointment. You may not be allowed to enter any building.**



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- Library may open for limited use later in the semester as conditions improve.
 - Library resources are available 24/7—databases, eBooks, journal articles, streaming videos, library guides, etc. Click below for more info.
 - [Library Web Page](#)
- The number to call to make an appointment for financial aid is 661-763-7762.
- The number to call to make an appointment to visit the campus is 661-763-7748.
- ASO stickers can be purchased at the bookstore.
- The Student Resource Center (SRC) will also be available by request only. An online request form must be submitted at least one day prior (note: the online request form and the “pick-up” protocol will be available on the Taft College Website by August 31st).
 - Call the Student Life Office for more questions: 661-763-7887
- **Are book vouchers still going to be given to students in the Fall Semester? If so, how will students receive their voucher?**
 - Yes, we will be offering Book Loans/Grant Vouchers for the 20-21 Academic year. We have created a digital process. Students need to call the **Financial Aid & Scholarships** office at **661-763-7762** and request a voucher. The staff will create the voucher and provide it to the Bookstore.
 - Any student utilizing a book voucher on campus will be required to order their books through our Bookstore and pick them up in-person since they will be required to sign the voucher prior to receiving their books.
- **How will Dental Hygiene classes be online?**
 - All dental hygiene classes will not be given online.

Questions:

- Most classes will be on campus.

- **Do students still have to order their books online and have them delivered to their address or can they go to the bookstore while wearing a mask and social distancing?**
 - The Taft College Bookstore is open for business! Students may rent and purchase their course materials at bookstore.taftcollege.edu or stop by the store located at 515 Finley Drive, Taft, California 93268. If you have questions, please call us at **661.763.7731**.
 - [Click here](#) to view the official notice from the bookstore.

- **Is ASO going to plan a trip in the spring?**
 - The ASO will plan the spring trip and allow students to earn points toward a discount. State Guidelines and direction from Taft College administration will be the determining factors whether or not the ASO will have a spring trip.

- **If the fall season for sports is postponed, will athletics continue in spring 2021?**
 - Current plans support a season of competition for the spring 2021 semester. Some sports will compete in the first part of the semester, and others will begin mid-semester.
 - All plans are contingent on the state guidelines at the end of the year.

- **Does Taft College offer any internships?**
 - The College coordinates internships with companies as we are able to secure them. CTE Counselor Joe'll Chaidez (jchaidez@taftcollege.edu) is the contact who coordinates those opportunities and also advertises them to students. Internships are offered in two formats—60 hours (unpaid) and 75 hours (paid). There is a contract between the employer and student that Mr. Chaidez oversees to ensure learning goals are met, but the process has been to advertise the internships as they come and then to help interested students with the steps to obtain employment.



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Questions:

- **Does Taft College have any clubs that involve animals?**
 - There are no clubs that involve animals.

- **Can students return their books to the bookstore or do they have to send them through USPS?**
 - 2020 textbook rentals are due back to the Bookstore by December 22, 2020. We do not anticipate the college Bookstore closing. However, we will follow Federal, State and Local orders.
 - Students may choose to return their rental textbooks to the Bookstore or may return by a shipper of their choice. Our suggestion is [USPS Media mail](#) as it is an inexpensive way to ship books.