

MEMORANDUM

August 24, 2020

To: UOG Students

From: Anita Borja Enriquez, Senior Vice President & Provost 

Subject: Start of Fanuchånan 2020 Classes

Håfa Adai, Tritons:

I sincerely hope that you and your loved ones have remained safe throughout the last few months. The pandemic and public health emergency has taken a toll on the island but has shown just how resilient our island is. We've all had to find new ways of going about our daily lives, working, learning, and teaching.

We are excited to start classes on **Wednesday, August 26, 2020**. If you haven't already, you will be hearing from your professors on requirements and schedules as all classes will be taught online during PCOR1. Classes that were scheduled for face-to-face instruction or hybrid during PCOR3 (see Web Advisor for this information) will be taught online until the island returns to PCOR3.

Important Adjusted Dates

- Open registration Until August 25
- First day of Classes August 26
- Schedule Adjustment August 26 to September 1
- Senior Citizen Registration September 2
- Payment Deadline September 3

Governor Leon Guerrero issued Executive Order 2020-28 which institutes a "stay at home order" beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, August 21 until 12 noon on Saturday August 28, 2020. Throughout this "lockdown" period and PCOR1, the UOG campus will be closed to the public and most customer service areas will be closed.

However, for this week, certain student services will be available in a limited capacity:

1. **Admissions & Records:** For assistance, email admitme@triton.uog.edu.
2. **Bursar's Office /Cashier:** For assistance, email bursar@triton.uog.edu.
3. **Advisement:** Students needing advisement can meet with advisors and counselors online. To schedule an appointment or to chat online, please visit: <https://www.uog.edu/student-services/enrollment-management-student-success/student-counseling.php>

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4. **Triton Store:** The Triton Store is open for curbside pick-up from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. To order your textbooks or course materials, visit <https://www.tritonstore.gu>, email annsalg@triton.uog.edu or davidq@triton.uog.edu, or call 735-2931/4.
5. **Computer Center:** Email helpdesk@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2640.
6. **Moodle Help:** Email moodlehelp@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2620/1.
7. **Dean's Offices**
 - **CLASS:** Email jsellmann@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2850/2851/2805.
 - **CNAS:** Email afsantos@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2001.
 - **SBPA:** Email sbpaconnect@triton.uog.edu or visit <https://www.uog.edu/news-announcements/2019-2020/2020-fanuchanan-sbpa-deans-office-virtual-office-hours.php>
 - **SENG:** Email delapenaf@triton.uog.edu, khosrow@triton.uog.edu, patilu@triton.uog.edu, or call 735-2694/2761
 - **SOE:** Email soeinfo@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2444.
 - **SOH:** Email aguonja@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2650.
 - **EMSS:** Email lcamacho@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2292.
8. **Research Centers**
 - **WERI:** Email jjenson@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2685.
 - **MARINE LAB:** Email lraymundo@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2184/787-8578

Alternative Grading Option

For the Fanuchånan 2020 semester, UOG will again be offering the alternative grading option. For each undergraduate course completed during the Fanuchånan 2020 semester, students will have the option of replacing the letter grade earned with an alternative grade that will not affect GPA calculations.

The alternate grades available to undergraduates are as follows:

- **Pass (P).** Grades of C or better will be converted to a P, allowing the course to count as a prerequisite, any program requirement, or any other university requirement, and will allow progression to higher courses.
- **Credit (CR).** Grades of D will be converted to a CR, allowing the course to count for certain general education courses or as pre-requisites in certain (but not many) majors.
- **No Credit (NC).** Grades of F will be converted to NC, which means the student must retake the course for credit, but the GPA will not be negatively impacted.

By Graduate Studies policy, a grade of C or better is required for students to receive credit, so these alternative grades are not appropriate for graduate coursework.

For courses in which students earn a P (Pass) or CR (Credit) grade, the credits will count toward total credits earned and completed courses for financial aid purposes. Students will be "held harmless" by the

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choice to select P/CR/NC in Fañomñakan 2020. Choosing the alternate grading option will not negatively impact their academic journey at UOG, nor will it be a barrier to entry into subsequent courses

Academic Tutoring Support

UOG is also offering online tutoring with the Writing Center and Math Tutor Lab.

- *Writing Center:* The Writing Center (WC) has virtual tutoring services available for students. All WC appointments are made online and confirmation emails sent accordingly. The current option for virtual tutoring is Zoom. A modified schedule will be posted. The WC Teaching Assistants and coordinator are considering additional platforms for tutoring delivery should demand increase. The following link will take users to the WC pages:
<https://sites.google.com/view/dealwritingcenter>
- *Mathematics Tutor Lab:* Students are encouraged to schedule a virtual appointment at www.uogmathlab.org. To contact the tutor lab, call 735-2064 or email mathtutorlab@triton.uog.edu. Mathematics tutor lab hours of operation will be forthcoming, and the website updated soon.

Your health and safety and that of our faculty and staff are our top priorities as we begin this semester. Being completely online, we may not feel as connected or engaged as a Triton community. But I assure you that we will do everything we can to provide you with the support and services you need to succeed this semester.

Thank you for choosing the University of Guam. Biba Tritons! Biba UOG!