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### **University Announces Make-Up Days Due to Hurricane Dorian**

The influence of Hurricane Dorian on our Fall academic calendar led to class cancellations last week as we prepared for the safety of Embry-Riddle students, staff and faculty.

Our accreditation agency (SACSCOC) requires that the integrity of credits awarded to students should remain intact and that cancellation of classes is to be remedied with additional time to meet the standards set in our academic policies. To that end, we have consulted with faculty, student leadership and the academic deans to consider and weigh various options to make up for the lost class time within the timeframe of our academic calendar. Adding additional days of instruction to the semester will inevitably result in some inconveniences and there are positives and negatives to almost every option. We ask for your understanding and support as we work through this semester and the changes needed to accommodate class cancellations caused by Hurricane Dorian.

To offset the four full days lost from Dorian, the university has determined the following days for makeup dates. We acknowledge the religious diversity of our campus and in an effort to accommodate faculty and students who worship on Saturdays and/or Sundays, the Thursday and Friday makeup days will be split on the weekend and have classes starting after 12:00 p.m.:

- October 8th (Tuesday) – Industry/Career Expo will continue and classes that meet on Tuesday will be in session on this day.
- November 9th (Saturday) – Classes that meet on Thursday with a scheduled start time before 12:00 p.m. will meet on this day with times pushed ahead by four hours. Classes scheduled to start at 8:15 a.m. will start at 12:15 p.m., 9:45 a.m. classes will start at 1:45 p.m., 11:15 a.m. classes will start at 3:15 p.m., etc.
- November 10th (Sunday) – Classes that meet on Thursday with a start time at 12:00 p.m. or later will meet on this day at the same time as the scheduled class start.
- November 11th (Monday) (Veterans Day) – Classes that meet on Wednesday will meet on this day.
- November 16th (Saturday) – Classes that meet on Friday with a scheduled start time before 12:00 p.m. will meet on this day with times pushed ahead by four hours. Classes scheduled to meet at 8:00 a.m. will start at 12:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m. classes will start at 1:00 p.m., 10:00 a.m. classes will start at 2:00 p.m., 11:00 a.m. classes will start at 3:00 p.m., etc.
- November 17th (Sunday) – Classes that meet on Friday with a start time at 12:00 p.m. or later will meet on this day at the same time as the scheduled class start.

Any faculty who are unable to make these accommodations work in their own schedules shall develop online assignments and activities to fulfill SACSCOC requirements. The Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) can support faculty wishing to create these alternative educational experiences. Likewise, we ask that faculty consider students' non-academic obligations in planning their utilization of these days, minimizing the potential negative impacts on those students who are unable to attend the make-up days.

Some classes, labs, and flight courses may need additional contact minutes with students per FAA

or individual program accreditation standards. The chairs and faculty in these programs will work with the students in the affected courses to arrange additional meeting times. We understand this may cause a hardship for some students and encourage you to contact your professor if you identify any immediate needs and/or assistance needed.

Faculty are encouraged to use the teaching strategies provided by CTLE at <https://ernie.erau.edu/Departments/ctle-daytona/resources/Pages/Hurricane-Teaching-Strategies.aspx>. If you have any additional questions, please contact: Dr. Lori Mumpower, Director, CTLE, 386-226-7552, [mumpowel@erau.edu](mailto:mumpowel@erau.edu).

With classes in session on November 11th, we will use this day to celebrate and honor the service of our military in tandem with other national celebrations. Further details on these events will be made as we approach this day. In addition, the President's Office will once again host our annual community Veterans Appreciation Day during the Spring semester.

Hoping that the remainder of the term remains uneventful, we wish to thank you for your help in making this a successful semester despite the challenges posed by Hurricane Dorian.