Stillwater’s “Shelter in Place” Order Will End on May 1st

This will allow some previously closed businesses to reopen. Students are strongly encouraged to keep safety in mind and stay up-to-date on local announcements HERE or sign up for Be Informed Stillwater, a notification system designed to keep Stillwater residents, businesses and others informed of emergencies and certain non-emergency events.

Pass/No-Pass Grading Option for for Spring 2020

Oklahoma State University is committed to academic success and is offering an option for pass/no-pass (P/NP) grading for spring 2020 courses to provide flexibility, while upholding academic integrity.

Key dates to remember
After the May 13, 2020 final grade submission deadline students have one week to view their assigned grades and elect pass/no-pass grading on a course-by-course basis via a secure online system. The deadline to elect pass/no-pass grading is Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5 p.m. Central Standard Time.

More Details

Transferring Classes Taken Over the Summer

Even when all classes are online, many OSU students take classes over the summer at other colleges and universities and transfer those credits back to OSU in the fall. Before your student enrolls in classes elsewhere there are a few important steps to take to make sure that the classes will transfer as intended

1. Check the classes against the online Transfer Guides available from the Registrar's Office HERE
2. Ask an academic advisor or academic counselor if the class will transfer as a required class. Many classes transfer as credit hours, but may or may not
3. Once the classes are complete and the grades posted on the student's transcript, make sure that the transcript is sent to the OSU Admissions office.
Career Challenges and Covid-19

COVID-19 Recruiting Impact Survey Results

OSU Career Services conducted the COVID-19 Recruiting Impact Survey of employers from April 8th – April 15th. There were 233 respondents. Key takeaways are bulleted below, and more information can be found HERE.

Many employers are waiting to see what happens in the upcoming weeks.

- 36% of employers haven’t made a decision regarding summer interns and 31% haven’t made a decision on full-time job offers.
- 61% reported they are moving forward with all new grad hires and only 7% have rescinded all of their full-time offers.
- 45% plan to move forward with all interns while 13% have rescinded all intern job offers.
- 16% are transitioning their internships to remote in some capacity and 44% are still unsure if their internships will be remote.
- 50% do not plan to delay the start date for new grad hires.
- 15% expect a decrease in their hiring for Fall 2020 while 6% expect an increase. 39% are still unsure.

Students should continue meeting with their OSU Career Consultants to pursue new job opportunities and consider creative ways to make their summer meaningful. If their summer employment has fallen through, students can take summer classes, volunteer, or take online courses in a language, coding, or another area of interest to boost their skills while continuing to seek employment.

Packing Up and Moving Out

Most students who are still living in Stillwater will move out of their residences in May or June but, students don’t have to wait until after their exams to start cleaning and packing. In fact, accomplishing small “moving out” tasks before the end of finals week is ideal because it leaves students with one less task to worry about during exam week.

Students will find it easier to move, clean, and also study for exams if they take some time now, to clean and pack some items before final exams. Suggest that your student pack off-season or other non-essential clothing and bedding now. This is also a great time to clean, organize, and create an environment that is more conducive to studying. Here are some tips to share with your student about packing up and moving out.

Moving tips for students

1. Move it, ship it, or store it? This is the first question for your student to answer. Some students live too far away or do not have access to the transportation needed to move each year. For these students, it may be more practical to ship their possessions home, or simply store them during the summer.
2. If moving by car, large contractor bags are great for packing and moving coats, bedding, and other bulky items that will not fit into boxes.

3. Pack items that will not be needed during finals week. Most students will only need a week's worth of clothing, books, class notes, computers, and other exam essentials, and enough food for finals week.

4. Pack similar items together. Some items, like electronics or summer clothing, will need to be unpacked and used during the summer while others, like kitchen items used only at college, can stay packed in their box until the next academic year. Try to pack these items together.

5. Wrapping fragile items in bedding or clothing instead of paper or bubble wrap will save packing supplies and hassle during packing and unpacking.

Convenience Collection Center Offers Free Student Move-out Collections

As students move out for the summer, the City of Stillwater's Convenience Collection Center, 807 S. Perkins Rd., will accept electronics, appliances without Freon, and bulk items free of charge with a valid OSU student ID.

Staying Connected, Even When We're Apart

Dr. John Mark Day, Director of Leadership and Campus Life

One thing that physical distancing has taught me about myself is that I’m even more of an extravert than I thought. It wasn’t long into work-from-home that I was having full blown conversations with my dog, my car, and my refrigerator. At least they haven’t started talking back yet, although I think the dog’s about to have a breakthrough.

The truth is, even for introverted folks this time can feel isolating. Students are missing out on the big campus traditions that close out the school year, and it’s easy to feel the distance. But we in Student Affairs are committed to keeping the Cowboy Family connected with each other. We’ve moved a lot of events, activities, and resources online for students to access wherever they are right now. Click HERE to see all of the ways we are helping keep that community.

• And our offices are still up and running—encourage your students to reach out to us via phone, or email, or social media. We miss hearing from them and seeing them in our offices, and we want to know how we can help.