



Office of the Chancellor – Miami Campus

October 16, 2020

Dear prospective student,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Firstly, I want to thank you for taking time to learn about Albizu University and our academic programs. I know that these are trying times and it is a big decision to start a new degree. However, there is no better time to continue your education than in the coming new year, 2021! Let us know how we can make this process easy and efficient for you.

Secondly, I want to share with you the same information I share with our current students on the pandemic. The University is fully operational and we are supporting our students who are progressing on their academic programs. Our immediate plan is to fully conclude the fall semester online and thoughtfully move into the next phase. Currently, the campus will move into Phase 2 on October 26, 2020, and this will allow students to safely come onto campus by appointment only to access key services such as library, tutoring, etc. Student support personnel will be increased to two or three employees per department who will be physically on campus. Though our staff will have more presence on campus, we will continue to provide all services remotely, for those not on campus.

In the Spring, we will continue to offer the bulk of our courses online and start to house some courses onsite. You will have the choice of fully online, hybrid, or face to face learning as follows:

- We recognize that many students remain concerned about being on campus, especially those who are “higher risk” individuals. As such, the University is prepared to provide options for our students, and “live” courses can be recorded for asynchronous learning to meet the demand for online courses.
- Some courses are challenging to offer in a remote format. Thus, these courses will be offered in a face-to-face format, but will also be digitally recorded and available online as a supplemental tool to you. These include but are not limited to labs and practicum courses. Program directors will have two days a week to bring in students as needed for labs, exams, doctoral project, dissertation, or anything that requires a face-to-face meeting.
- The remaining courses will be offered in a hybrid format. Faculty will communicate on what day(s) their class will meet on campus. We will also work to provide an option for students to connect in a synchronous manner, if physical presence is not an option.

I hope that these three options allow you to make a final decision for your Spring 2021 schedule and provide sufficient flexibility to meet your learning needs, while we continue to navigate the COVID-19 situation. Our primary focus is to help you achieve your educational goals. We are working with our faculty to make certain we continue to offer the best teaching and learning strategies in this new reality. There will be temperature checks for all who enter our campus always with a mask, as well as smaller class sizes, spaced out seating, and social distancing markers. Rest assured that our first priority is the safety of our students and our university community. Therefore, although you may have heard this already, please continue to be safe, as we move through the stages of this virus by washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your face, wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing.

We look forward to supporting you with your educational goals, and if you need to reach us, please call 305-593-1223 extension 3136 or send me an email at [tdepoo@albizu.edu](mailto:tdepoo@albizu.edu), if you need any assistance during the application process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tilokie Depoo".

Tilokie Depoo, Ph.D.  
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