



Cougar Commitment – Community Agreement: 2020-21 Academic Year

Due to the current health crisis and the unique makeup of the CCU's on-campus community, this agreement has been instituted for students in CCU's College of Undergraduate Studies to be informed of what is necessary to keep the CCU community safe and thriving. This agreement also expresses the University's commitment to provide an atmosphere for study, personal exploration, involvement in interpersonal relationships, spiritual development, and growth that is conducive to students achieving goals, while enjoying living and learning in as safe and healthy environment as possible.

Living in daily fellowship with others in the Christian community is a privilege and an expression of God's grace. In recognition of this privilege, the University places great value on the quality of relationships in our community and believes that serving others is one of the highest callings we are asked to aspire to in living a biblical lifestyle. The University believes the greatest expression of fellowship and the highest principle for relationships are love, care, and concern for others — especially as students, faculty and staff navigate the COVID-19 challenges on campus. The University views this commitment as a means of stewarding the gifts, talents, and health of those around us as we journey together through this unusual time.

Given that foundation of regarding others as better than ourselves (Philippians 2:3), the University will require our students to follow these health and safety guidelines as a condition of enrollment for the 2020-21 academic year:

- 1. Social Distancing:** Students should stay at least six feet apart and be mindful of social distancing in enclosed spaces. This includes being aware of situations, on or off campus, where it might not be advisable to gather in small or large groups.
- 2. Personal Hygiene:** Students should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and use hand sanitizer, throughout the day.
- 3. Wearing of Face Coverings:** If you are in a CCU building, wear a face mask in all hallways, public spaces, and common areas, as well as anytime social distancing is not possible, in accordance with CCU protocols and state and county mandates.
- 4. Residence Hall Room Agreement:** Adhere to the residence hall room agreement that all on-campus students will discuss and sign among their apartment mates.
- 5. Stay-At-Home and Notify:** If you have a fever above 100.4, or are experiencing any COVID-19 or flu/cold symptoms, you will be required to return home to your permanent address, or quarantine in your CCU apartment or a CCU quarantine facility. You must also notify the appropriate University personnel. In this case, you will attend classes remotely until you are cleared to return to in-seat classes.
- 6. Quarantine Off Campus:** If you are a commuter student you will not be allowed to enter campus if you are exposed by close contact or have COVID-19 symptoms. In this case you will attend classes remotely until cleared to return to in-seat classes.

7. **Cleaning:** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and adhere to the wishes of your roommates or family regarding hygiene.
8. **Temperature Checks:** Students are asked to adhere to temperature checks at various times during the semester — including a baseline check before classes begin and random checks as deemed necessary by the University.
9. **COVID-19 Screenings:** Students will inform the University by established protocols if they have been in close contact with anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or with anyone who has tested positive. This information must be reported and in some cases, it will be necessary for the University to use your name in the process of contact tracing. The University has a commitment of confidentiality and will only disclose your name with your permission (or without permission in an emergency situation).
10. **Self-isolation and Quarantine:** Students experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must isolate themselves for 14 days in appropriate housing, per the University protocols, and students who have been exposed may need to quarantine for 14 days. This might include returning home to your permanent address, or quarantining in your CCU apartment or a CCU quarantine facility during the required period. In this case you will attend classes remotely until you are cleared for a return to in-seat classes.
11. **Bi-weekly Surveys:** Students will be required to fill out a survey twice per week on their risk or symptom status. This survey, when submitted, will report to the University the possibility that you need to enter into COVID-19 protocols.
12. **Travel Reporting:** All students traveling after they arrive at CCU for the fall semester must report that travel to the University. Anyone who has traveled into an identified hotspot (area of infectious spreading) of COVID-19 may be required to self-quarantine for 14 days or go through an everyday temperature check for 14 days. You might also be required to attend classes remotely until you are cleared to return to in-seat classes.

Data has shown that *typically* students aged 18-25 recover fairly quickly from this virus, should they exhibit symptoms at all. The University continues to pray that God will keep our community safe and that the virus will not significantly impact our students, staff, and faculty. If you must self-isolate or quarantine, we have protocols in place to check in daily with you and to make sure you have the resources (meals, remote learning, etc.) to help you continue to be as successful and healthy as possible as a CCU student.

Your signature denotes your agreement with the above expectations that have been outlined by the University and that you agree to adhere to the protocols set forth by the University for as long as they are required. You also agree that you recognize that the fast-changing situation regarding this pandemic may require changes to student protocols, and you agree to abide with any future changes that are implemented for safety reasons.

“We should love one another. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers ... let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth. Since God so loved us, we ought to love one another. Whoever loves God must also love his brothers.”
-1 John 3:11-16, 18, 4:11, 21