

Motion: Approval of Remote Teaching for January and Spring 2021

Rationale: as the university prepares for the January 2021 Term and Spring 2021 semester, there is a need to provide academic programs with additional flexibility to offer course instruction in a majority or fully remote modality. This could be necessary for faculty who are not able to meet classes in-person, or to provide majority remote instruction in order to meet social distancing requirements. The proposed motion outlines the necessary conditions that faculty should meet in order to teach majority or fully remotely. This motion will provide a streamlined approval designation process that will only apply to the January 2021 Term and Spring 2021 semester. In order to receive this approval, faculty must complete the January and Spring 2021 Remote Teaching Course Proposal Form, available as a Google Form (<https://forms.gle/UwZcbYWtQBDbg9y6>) by Monday, September 14, 2020. Approval will be given to the instructor and will apply to any and all courses taught by that instructor during January and Spring 2021. As a reminder, individual Online Course Authorization forms for each section must be on file with the Registrar's Office.

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- 1) One of the following is required for faculty to meet the requirements for faculty development, 1) I have completed the ReFocus Online faculty development program including one session on each of the four topics presented, 2) I was approved to teach an online course at UMW prior to Spring 2020, or 3) I have completed training at another institution or conference (please name that institution or conference in the "Other" option),
- 2) make use of Canvas LMS to house their syllabus, contact information, how students will access their grades or feedback, and links to any other sites/platforms that are used for the course with explanation of use and expectations,
- 3) ensure that course materials will be made accessible to students who require accommodations as dictated by ODR, including, but not limited to: captioning of posted video, checking PDFs for accessibility, and checking presentation slides for accessibility, and
- 4) ensure that students will be engaged through a variety of synchronous and/or asynchronous means.

Faculty should complete the UMW January and Spring 2021 Remote Teaching Course Proposal Form (accessed through this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/UwZcbYWtQBDbg9y6>) by Monday, September 14, 2020. Once a faculty member has been approved for remote teaching for January and Spring 2021, they should submit to the Registrar's Office completed Online Course Authorization forms for each section that they will teach.