



American Academy of Art College classes start August 31st

Dear Academy Student

On August 31st, the Academy will return to classes while maintaining a safe environment for our students, faculty and staff. We will follow the guidance of the local, state and federal health authorities along with the best practices in higher education. This may include some or all of the following: social/physical distancing, limiting class size, wearing face coverings, limiting large events, cleaning and sanitizing protocols and communication about reducing virus spread.

First-Year studio courses and Fine Art studio courses will continue as traditional face-to-face classes meeting four days per week with smaller class sizes to maintain social distance. Studio classes in illustration, graphic design, photography and 3D will meet as face-to-face classes with hybrid class meetings scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays depending on the curriculum. The Humanities and Sciences courses will be delivered online.

We are taking this opportunity to build our technology infrastructure to meet the needs of this challenging time and prepare our students for their future. We implemented a new learning management system, Canvas, which will provide an online platform for the Humanities and Sciences courses, and we implemented a new student information system to improve communication and the tracking of grading and attendance.

We recently moved to a new email system working with Google, which provides the Google suite of apps for our students and faculty. In addition, all students will receive a subscription to the Adobe Creative Cloud which allows access to industry software, such as Photoshop, from any workstation or laptop.

As we plan our classes for the fall, it is clear that both faculty and students would like to continue in a traditional face-to-face mode as much as possible. To meet this goal, the Academy will modify our teaching and learning experiences while continuing our commitment to quality curriculum, instruction and student success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duncan Webb". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Duncan Webb  
Academic Dean