


MEMORANDUM

TO: UOG Students

FROM: Thomas W. Krise, President 

DATE: May 12, 2021

SUBJECT: In-Person Classes for Finakpo' and Fanuchånan 2021

I am happy to announce that the University of Guam will be offering in-person classes for the Finakpo' (June-August) sessions and for the Fanuchånan (August-December) 2021 semester. Online, hybrid, and hyflex options will also be offered for some courses.

Our island community has seen a decline in COVID-19 infections over the last few months. The vaccination efforts by the Governor's Office, Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS), Guam National Guard (GUNG), the University of Guam, and other partners have achieved Governor Leon Guerrero's goal of vaccinating 50% of adults by May 1, and we seem to be on track to achieve her goal of 80% vaccinated by Liberation Day.

We are excited to welcome students back to the campus as we continue on the island's road to recovery.

Here's what to expect when you come back to campus:

- Effective June 1, the UOG campus will begin a phased reopening to coincide with the start of Finakpo' Session A. Because vaccination clinics at the Calvo Field House will be ongoing, specific traffic flows and parking designations will remain in place.
- ALL students enrolled in face-to-face classes will be required to furnish either **1) proof of vaccination** or **2) a weekly negative COVID-19 test**.
- **In-person classes** will be offered with 6-foot distancing between students.
- Rooms will be sanitized between classes, and we ask that all students and employees continue to follow guidelines for **social distancing** and **wearing masks** over both nose and mouth.

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- In addition to **online and hybrid classes**, UOG will also offer some “**hyflex**” courses as an accommodation option. **Hyflex** courses are similar to hybrid courses and have online and in-person components. However, hyflex gives students the option of attending sessions in the classroom, participating online, or doing both. Students can change their mode of attendance weekly or by topic, according to need or preference, in coordination with the instructor.

Stay tuned for more information about the upcoming semester.

Register for Classes Early

Registration for the Finakpo' (June-August) sessions and the Fanuchånan (August-December) 2021 semester is now open. You can view the most updated course schedule on Web Advisor or download a PDF at www.uog.edu/admissions/course-schedule. Please register early to build your first-choice class schedules. **NOTE:** The Fanuchånan Course Schedule will be available soon.

UOG / GCC Vaccination Clinics “Fast Track”

As we prepare to be back on campus together, we want to encourage all students and employees to get vaccinated for COVID-19. For your convenience, GUNG, DPHSS, UOG, and GCC have partnered to host vaccination clinic times specifically for UOG and GCC students and employees this month at the Calvo Field House.

Reserved times are **from 1 to 3 p.m.** on the following days:

- **Wednesday, May 12, and Thursday, May 13**
Register at: <https://url.uog.edu/vaccinations-May11-15>
- **Wednesday, May 19, and Thursday, May 20**
Register at: <https://url.uog.edu/vaccinations-May18-22>
- **Wednesday, May 26, and Thursday, May 27**
Registration link not yet available.

Make an appointment online at the links above, or simply walk in and show your UOG ID or other proof attendance or employment to be expedited through the vaccination process.

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Counseling Services and Resources

The pandemic has taken a toll physically, spiritually, and mentally on many of us. We value your health and wellness. If you need counseling services or someone to listen, please contact one of the programs below:

- **Uplift Counseling Services** offers outpatient behavioral health services at no cost to underinsured or uninsured individuals who need brief counseling support.
Tel: 787-7978 (call or WhatsApp) or email uplift@westcare.com.
- **Project Tulaika Mental Health Services** individual, family, and group counseling as well as home-based services for youth and young adults ages 16–25.
Tel: 647-5317, 647-1901, 647-5440, 647-8833/34 or email care@gbhwc.guam.gov.

Though we've been physically apart, the "Triton Spirit" and our mission of *Ina, Deskubre, Setbe* have kept us connected. We can't wait until our campus is once again filled with the life, energy, and hope that only our Triton Community can bring. See you soon.

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