Your success as a student is our top priority.
This information is provided to answer questions most often asked by students.

Special Instructions for Spring 2021 Semester

Mask Use
Until further notice, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (OSUIT) students will be required to wear face masks while in any OSUIT instructional facilities, to include all classrooms, labs and other learning spaces. Masks must be form-fitting and fully cover wearers’ noses and mouths. Permitted face masks include: multi-layer cloth masks, dust masks, pleated medical masks, and N95 respirators. Some courses have additional personal protective equipment requirements.

Sanitization Participation
Until further notice, students must wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or utilize hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol, immediately prior to or upon entry to any classrooms, labs or other instructional spaces. Further, prior to, immediately following, and, as necessary, during instructional activities, students will be required to use institutionally provided sanitization supplies to disinfect the contact surfaces of any instructional equipment and/or learning spaces they utilize as directed by their instructors.

Locate Important Dates
OSUIT is on a year-round trimester system that is comprised of three (3) full semester terms each year. Click on the link below for up-to-date important academic dates: osuit.edu/academic-calendar.

Seek Answers to Your Questions
The OSUIT faculty and staff want you to be successful in your educational pursuits. If you have questions or concerns, seek help early. We are here to assist you.

Instructor
If you have questions regarding your class, talk to your instructor. Faculty members include their office hours and contact information in the class syllabus. If you cannot locate this information, set a time to meet with your instructor by speaking with him/her prior to or immediately following your class session or check with the departmental office on when the instructor may be available.

Academic Advisor
All students will benefit by conferring with an advisor on a regular basis. If you do not know your advisor or would like to learn more, talk to the Administrative Assistant for your school.

Learning & Student Success Opportunity (LASSO) Tutoring Center
Room 308, Noble Center for Advancing Technology
918-293-4855 osuit.edu/lasso
The LASSO Center offers free individual and group tutoring for a variety of courses.

Online Classroom (Canvas)
Tutorials are located at: osuit.edu/center/online-student-resources/student-tutorials.php.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, each student with a disability is responsible for notifying the University of his/her disability and requesting accommodations. If you think you have a qualified disability and need special accommodations, you should notify the instructor and request verification of eligibility for accommodations from the Office of Academic Accommodations/LASSO Center. Please advise the instructor of your disability as soon as possible, and contact The LASSO Center, to ensure timely implementation of appropriate accommodations.

Faculty have an obligation to respond when they receive official notice of a disability but are under no obligation to provide retroactive accommodations. To receive services, you must submit appropriate documentation and complete an intake process during which the existence of a qualified disability is verified and reasonable accommodations are identified. The LASSO Center is located on the 3rd floor of the Noble Center. For more information, please call 918-293-4855, email chad.spurlock@okstate.edu or go to: osuit.edu/accommodations.

Tools to Help You Succeed

OSUIT Library
918-293-5080
Information about OSUIT’s Library and the services it provides can be found online at osuit.edu/library. For current library hours go to: https://osuit.edu/library/contact.php

Course Syllabi
It is the responsibility of each OSUIT student to read, abide by and maintain a copy of the syllabus for each course. Syllabi are available at: https://osuit.libguides.com/Syllabi.
Technology Services

Student Email: OSUIT uses your okstate.edu email address as a primary form of communication. Students are expected to check their OSUIT email on a frequent and consistent basis to remain informed of their official university business. If you do not use the OSUIT email system, you must redirect your okstate.edu email using the Orange Key System (osuit.okstate.edu). Failure to maintain an accurate email address may result in missed or lost university communications. For email assistance contact OSUIT Technology Services at 918-293-4700. For additional information, go to: osuit.edu/cts.

Minimum Recommended Computing Specifications: Contact your academic department to learn about specific computing recommendations for the program in which you are enrolled. Some programs may require more capability. Checking with your school before purchasing new equipment is strongly suggested.

For the complete Technology Services listing, view the Technology Service Catalog.

For More Information
https://my.okstate.edu

This portal connects students to a wide range of campus services including links to student email, the library, and the online classroom (Canvas).

Class Attendance
A primary component of OSUIT’s mission is “to prepare and sustain a diverse student body as competitive members of a world-class workforce.” Regular and consistent attendance not only aids in academic success, dependable attendance is also a requirement in today's real-world employment; therefore, regular and consistent attendance is a requirement in all OSUIT courses. To access the full OSUIT attendance policy, go to: osuit.edu/student-attendance.

Attendance in Traditional Courses

Definitions:

Absent: Failing to attend all or a significant portion of a class or lab session.

A. Students may not be marked as absent if missing class for situations such as, but not limited to:
   1. participating in a required university activity such as a field trip;
   2. fulfilling a military obligation;
   3. a mandatory court appearance;
   4. death in the immediate family; or
   5. extreme illness or accident to oneself or immediate family.
   Instructors, at their discretion, may require proof of such events.

B. It is the responsibility of the student to contact and inform the instructor and/or department in advance of such excused absences whenever possible.

Tardy: Arriving late to class as defined by the individual class instructor. Faculty, at their discretion, may equate three tardies to equal one absence.

Attendance in Online Courses (Online, Hybrid, Blended)

Definition:

Absent: Failing to actively participate in online coursework during a standard week timeframe for a given course.

A. Students must demonstrate attendance through active participation in the course at least once every seven days. Simply logging into the course does not constitute active participation.

B. Active participation is defined as the completion of required activities such as:
   1. completion of online quizzes or exams;
   2. submission of assignments;
   3. participation in discussion questions; or
   4. involvement in discussion question as determined by the instructor and indicated in the course syllabus.

C. Calculations for weekly to percentage ratios
   1. Missing 1 of 15 weeks = 6.67%
   2. Missing 2 of 15 weeks = 13.33%
   3. Missing 3 of 15 weeks = 20%
   4. Missing 1 of 7.5 weeks = 13.33%
   5. Missing 1.5 of 7.5 weeks = 20%

Attendance Procedures for Traditional & Online Courses Early Intervention

A. Any student who misses 10% of an individual course (or earlier at faculty discretion) during a regular 15-week semester, or the equivalent portion of time in a shorter session, will have their name submitted by that course instructor to the OSUIT Early Alert System for retention intervention.

B. At the point the Early Alert is issued, the student must meet with their assigned faculty advisor or designated faculty/staff member within seven (7) academic calendar days for counseling on how to improve their attendance and academic success.

Excessive Absences

A. The University reserves the right to administratively withdraw any student from an individual course who misses 20% of that course, whether excused or unexcused, and, in the opinion of the instructor, the student does not have a reasonable opportunity to be successful in the course. In cases when a course is linked to a corequisite course, the University reserves the right to administratively withdraw any student who misses 20% or more of either course from both courses, regardless of their attendance in the other course.

B. Students should be aware any of the following may impact their financial aid:
   1. being administratively withdrawn from a course;
   2. dropping a course; and
   3. their last date of attendance in a course.

For full details and procedures, go to: osuit.edu/student-attendance.

Reference your instructor’s attendance policy for the latest information.
Dropping a Course, Withdrawing from a Course, & Withdrawing from the University?

Students often confuse these terms:

**Dropping a Course** (or courses) may occur during the first three (3) to five (5) business days of the half or full semester (shorter duration courses will have a shorter drop period). This means, if one (1) or all courses are dropped during the drop period, the course(s) will be cancelled from a student’s enrollment and disappear from the transcript, and no fees or tuition will be charged. For additional information, go to: https://osuit.edu/registrar/add-drop-withdraw.php.

**Withdrawing from a Course** (or courses) may occur after the first three (3) to five (5) business days of the half or full semester and prior to the end of the 11th week of the full semester. This typically means, however, that you are still enrolled in at least one (1) other OSUIT course. The withdrawn course(s) will remain on the transcript with a non-punitive grade of W. The student will still be responsible for all tuition and fees associated with each withdrawn course(s). After the beginning of the 12th week of a 15-week semester, a student may withdraw from a course. A grade of W or F will be assigned by the instructor in accordance with the student’s performance in the course(s). For more information, go to: https://osuit.edu/registrar/add-drop-withdraw.php.

**Withdrawing from the University** means withdrawing from all courses after the initial Add/Drop period (10 business days). This may occur until the beginning of the 12th week of class and in accordance with the withdrawal policy (see Academic Catalog, Advisor, or Registrar’s Office). The withdrawal process is initiated with your academic advisor. All classes will remain on the transcript with a non-punitive grade of W. The student will still be responsible for all tuition and fees associated with each withdrawn course(s). For additional information and dates, go to: https://osuit.edu/registrar/add-drop-withdraw.php.

**Unscheduled Campus Closures**

In instances in which OSUIT must close its campus or cancel in-person instruction due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the institution’s online classes will take place as planned. Classes that normally meet in person may continue, at the discretion of faculty, via online assignments, group or one-on-one video conferencing, or other electronic/distance learning means. If necessary, missed exams or assignments may be rescheduled at times outside the normal class meeting schedule. Any such course activities will be communicated by faculty in advance of their occurrence via the Online Classroom. In addition, course clock hours may be made up by rescheduled classes, extended classes or other alternatives if determined necessary by the President. If valid, documented circumstances prohibit students from attending rescheduled synchronous online and/or on-campus sessions, faculty will provide reasonable alternative means for makeup.

In the event of an official OSUIT campus closure, notifications will be sent via the Cowboy Alert system and official university communication channels. Local television and radio stations will also be notified, but should not be relied upon for accuracy. For additional information about OSUIT’s emergency communication tools, go to: https://osuit.edu/safety/communication.php.

**Campus Safety**

OSUIT understands students have the right to a safe campus community. OSUIT Campus Safety protects the persons and property of students, faculty, staff and visitors of OSUIT, assisting law enforcement and other emergency service providers as needed, by being the first responder to emergencies. For more information, please go to: https://osuit.edu/safety/index.php.

**University Expectations & Policies**

**Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty or misconduct is neither condoned nor tolerated at OSUIT. Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty or misconduct shall be subject to disciplinary action. Academic dishonesty and/or misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following actions: (1) plagiarism: the representation of previously written, published, or creative work as one’s own; (2) unauthorized collaboration on projects; (3) cheating on examinations; (4) unauthorized advance access to exams; (5) fraudulent alteration of academic materials; and (6) knowing cooperation with another person in an academically dishonest undertaking. Students are required to actively protect their work against misuse by others. For details, refer to The OSUIT Student Rights and Responsibilities Governing Student Behavior is available online at osuit.edu/student-rights-responsibilities.

**Copyright & Fair Use Policy of Course Materials**

Course materials may not be published, leased, sold to others, or used for any purpose other than appropriate OSUIT-related individual or group study without the written permission of the faculty member in charge of the course and other copyright holders. This paragraph grants you a limited license giving you access to materials for this course, including PowerPoint slides, audio/video recordings, written, or other materials, for appropriate OSUIT-related educational use only. Lectures should not be recorded without permission from the faculty member and must not be further disseminated or shared.

**Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act**

OSUIT complies with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with standards of conduct, applicable legal and University sanctions, health risks, and treatment options related to the use of illicit drugs and alcohol abuse. For details, refer to the OSUIT Student Rights and Responsibilities Governing Student Behavior document, available online at osuit.edu/student-rights-responsibilities.

**Institutional Assessment**

Students understand that excerpts or portions of their work may be utilized for institutional assessment purposes. The purpose of institutional assessment is for verification of student learning and program improvement. Every effort will be made to keep this information confidential.

**Online Course Interaction**

OSUIT requires all online courses to include interaction between students, peers and instructors.

Our online courses use a variety of tools to build a community of learners and strengthen engagement between students and their peers, as well as between students and the instructor. Communication tools used in courses may include Discussion, Announcements, and Email. Read the syllabus completely to determine which of these methods you, your classmates and your instructor will use for interaction.

**Online Student Conduct**

General guidelines for student conduct while interacting within an online course include: (1) use proper language in all communications; (2) harassment of any type will not be tolerated; and (3) no jokes, insults or threats of an offensive nature. For more information, go to: https://osuit.edu/center/online-classroom/netiquette.php.

**Privacy Policy**

FERPA is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The essence of FERPA is to give a student the right to inspect his or her education records and to protect the privacy of these records. The statute applies to any educational agency or institution that receives funding under any program administered by the Secretary of Education. For more information, please go to: https://osuit.edu/center/privacy-accessibility.php.

**Student Conduct Education & Administration**

By enrolling at OSUIT, you accept responsibility for complying with all University policies and contracts, and for local, state and federal laws on- or off-campus that relate to the University’s mission. The Student Code of Conduct educates students about their civic and social responsibilities including policies and procedures involving student misconduct.

In general, the University expects students to aspire to follow and promote the Cowboy Community Standards of integrity, community, social justice, respect, and responsibility.

For more information, contact the Student Conduct Office at 918-293-4912 or go to: osuit.edu/student-rights-responsibilities.

**Policies & Procedures**

For additional information regarding the principal policies and procedures that guide OSUIT faculty and staff members in the pursuit of university objectives and in relations with the community at large, go to: https://osuit.edu/policies-procedures/index.php.
Campus Services are Here to Assist You

Bursar’s Office
Grady W. Clack Center
918-293-4681
osuit.edu/bursar
The Bursar Office bills and collects payment for tuition, fees, campus housing, and other university related charges. The Bursar Office also processes all third party sponsor billing and refunds any overpayments on students’ bursar accounts.

Campus Health Services
Student Union
918-293-4946
osuit.edu/campus-health
Campus Health Services is located in the Student Union Building and is open Monday through Friday 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, when school is in session.

Counseling Services
Student Union, Room 142
918-293-4988
osuit.edu/counseling
Students may occasionally experience emotional issues that interfere with their educational and personal goals. If problems do occur, counseling offers a safe way for students to address their concerns. Counselors can support students while they meet challenges, develop new skills, understand their feelings and improve their ability to function productively.

Dining Services
Cowboy Café in the Student Union
918-293-4970
osuit.edu/cowboycafe
For questions and comments about meal plans or university dining operations, contact Food & Dining Services.

Equal Opportunity Office
Title IX Coordinator
918-293-5426
OSUIT is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age or protected veteran status. OSUIT does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs and activities. Examples of sexual misconduct and/or sex discrimination include: sexual violence, sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic and intimate partner violence, stalking, or gender-based discrimination.

OSUIT encourages any student who thinks that he or she may have been a victim of sexual misconduct or sexual discrimination to immediately report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator (918-293-5456). Students may also report incidents of sexual misconduct or sex discrimination to a faculty or staff member, who is then required by federal law (Title IX) to notify the Title IX Coordinator or the Dean of Students. If a reporting student would like to keep the details confidential, the student may speak with staff in the Student Counseling Center (918-293-4988) or one of the University’s Sexual Assault Victim Advocates (Mon-Fri 8 AM-4 PM, 918-293-4944).

Housing & Residential Life
OSUIT Residential Life
928-293-4928
osuit.edu/reslife
For questions and comments about housing and residential life, contact the nearest Residential Life Office.

International Office
Grady W. Clack Center
918-293-4680
osuit.edu/international
Academic, career, and personal success programs are available. Student organizations representing diverse communities and annual events are offered.

Registrar’s Office
Grady W. Clack Center
918-293-4682
osuit.edu/registrar
The Office of the Registrar provides services related to the creation and maintenance of student academic records. We are here to assist students with enrollment, official transcript requests, degree and enrollment verification, updating personal information in the Student Information System, graduation, and other services.

Scholarships & Financial Aid
Grady W. Clack Center
918-293-4684
osuit.edu/financial-aid
Contact the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid to apply for financial aid or to meet with a financial aid counselor.

Student Life Hall
Covelle Hall
918-293-4942
osuit.edu/student-life
Get involved through student organizations and activities.

Transfer Students Services
Grady W. Clack Center
918-293-5428
osuit.edu/admissions-criteria
This office provides undergraduate transfer students with a seamless transition to OSUIT by collaborating with various departments on campus, including the LASSO Center, the Office of the Registrar, and Financial Aid.

University Assessment & Testing
Grady W. Clack Center
918-293-5248
osuit.edu/assessment
Campus and national tests as well as testing accommodations are provided.

Veteran & Military Services
Grady W. Clack Center
918-293-4972
osuit.edu/military/benefits
This office provides information regarding educational benefits provided through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and through the State of Oklahoma. This office works with veteran and military students (as well as their dependents) to aid them in their transition from military service to successful careers by ensuring they succeed academically through coordination of support services from both on- and off-campus entities.

Wellness Center
Covelle Hall
918-293-4942
osuit.edu/covelle
Intramurals, group fitness, exercise/weight rooms and sports clubs are among the many programs and services available through Covelle Hall.