



**BERGIN UNIVERSITY** of **CANINE STUDIES**

## **PHASED REOPENING PLAN**

Dear Bergin University of Canine Studies Community-

One of the greatest strengths of our University is our sense of community. Our small size and passion for canine studies allows us to develop relationships among classmates, instructors, staff and volunteers. As we plan for the future, we are prioritizing the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff while also recognizing the desire and need to resume in-person classes and work directly with each other and our wonderful Bergin dogs.

In order to minimize the risks related to the COVID-19 virus, it is highly likely that colleges across California and the nation will look different. While we hope to be back on campus for all aspects of in-person classes, the University has created a phased approach to a safe reopening.

Based on instructions from the governor of California, as well as the Center for Disease Controls, the University has also made adjustments to our routines and protocols to mitigate the risks for students, faculty and staff members, as well as the wider community as we face COVID-19 together. Please make sure to review the COVID-19 Protocols and Policies Manual for details on how to safely return to campus.

### **The University's phased reopening plan includes:**

- Alternate delivery learning modality:
  - All classes held remotely.
- Hybrid learning modality:
  - A combination of in-person learning (while practicing social distancing and wearing face coverings) and alternate delivery.
- A return to in-person classes while continuing to practice social distancing and wearing face coverings.

### **PHASE ONE: ALTERNATE DELIVERY**

The University has been in this phase since March 2020 where our entire college community has been utilizing alternate delivery to continue with synchronous remote learning, using Google G Suite for Education and Zoom.

This phase would re-occur if the pandemic brings with it a wave that is so serious that the alternate delivery option is the only safe way to educate our students. Even under virtual conditions, the University will strive to ensure that all of the hallmarks of our education, including supportive instructor/student relationships, robust academics and student support

services will continue during alternate delivery. Ideally, this phase will not re-occur unless absolutely necessary.

## **PHASE TWO: HYBRID LEARNING**

Next is the hybrid learning phase.

Students will rotate on and off campus, in small cohorts of ten (10) or under students per group, to attend dog training and health classes. The majority of lecture courses will continue to be held remotely using Google G Suite for Education.

This phase will have multiple variations with a high level of flexibility for rapid changes in response to health conditions and the need to accommodate students and/or instructors. The primary focus of in-person classes in this phase will be on dog training and health labs.

Students, staff and faculty will be expected to follow all social distancing and health guidelines such as wearing face coverings while on campus and will check in at the start of the day to have temperature tests.

The University completed Phase 2, offering both remote and in-person classes, with the completion of the Spring 2021 semester.

## **PHASE THREE: IN-PERSON CLASSES**

The University is currently in this phase. All students, faculty and staff are permitted to safely be on campus together while practicing social distancing and appropriate health measures, the University will maintain the reconfiguration of classrooms and training rooms, as well as maintain all COVID-19 safeguards outlined in the University's COVID-19 Protocols and Policies Manual.

All individuals on campus will be expected to follow any new or additional University guidelines and safeguards for wellness testing, wear appropriate face coverings, and adhere to any additional protocols deemed necessary.

Should an outbreak of COVID-19 occur, the University will return to either Phase One or Phase Two.

\*\*Please note that the phases above will be changed and/or modified as appropriate and in conjunction with federal, state or county requirements.