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Dear USC Dornsife students,

Today you will have received notification about the new fall schedule. As you have already heard, the majority of USC’s fall classes will be online. The decision to do this has not been made lightly, but our emphasis is always on safety and the well-being of our community. Campus will be following strict physical-distancing protocols, with a view to reduce the density of people in dorms, classrooms and outdoor spaces.

A very small number of Dornsife classes will be offered in-person and in the hybrid format across our majors and programs. We understand that the decision to return to Los Angeles or not will be a personal one for you and your family. As such, please ensure that the mode of delivery for your classes aligns with your plans. If you intend to study remotely, check your schedule to ensure that all your classes are offered online. If not, speak to your academic advisor and consult with them to find alternatives that work for you. If you have in-person classes and intend to study on campus, you can, of course, still take other classes online.

For international students already in the US or intending to arrive soon, please contact your advisor to ensure your fall schedule is compliant with visa regulations.

Throughout the summer, Dornsife faculty are working hard to create classes that are engaging, rigorous, and fun, regardless of how they are delivered. In addition, we are developing a series of programs to stay connected, add value to the experience, and keep you on the path to graduation. Highlights include:

- The Dornsife Dialogues: Participate in discussions with leading experts in the fields of politics, technology, NGOs, entertainment, creative writing, and more, leveraging the intellectual and professional networks that only a Dornsife education can provide;

- The Changemaker Series: Interact with faculty and invited guests as they share the myriad ways a background in liberal arts and sciences has driven them on affect change in the things that matter to them most;

- Professional Mentorship Program: Providing Dornsife students with the chance to connect with alumni to support career exploration, job shadowing and networking opportunities in a range of industries;
• Major/Minor Fair: It’s never too late to explore your options or add a minor and customize your academic path.

We have a packed schedule planned for you and will keep you up-to-date with a weekly newsletter highlighting upcoming programs. For questions, please email advising@dornsife.usc.edu.

Though we all look forward to a day when we can convene in more traditional ways, there is plenty to be excited about this coming semester. We’ll continue to plan unparalleled activities and learning experience that define a Dornsife education, while committing to student health and well-being. And we will continue to value all of the creativity and new perspectives you bring to our academic community.

Sincerely,

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