

Grinnell Summer 2020

Grinnell College has long hosted a variety of academic activities during the summer. This year, the College is taking unprecedented steps to meet the needs of specific student constituencies that have arisen from the Covid-19 crisis. The core principles that have animated the College's Covid-19-related decisions up until this point very much inform our summer planning: Providing as much academic continuity as possible, all while protecting the health and safety of the College and broader Grinnell community, with particular attention to the most vulnerable.

In this document, you will find information about summer campus housing and dining, Grinnell's first official summer session since 1947, and summer student employment.

Summer Housing and Dining

Who is eligible to live on campus this summer—and how much will it cost?

On-campus room and board are available to students who are *currently residing on campus* and who meet one of these criteria:

- Students enrolled in a Grinnell summer session course, a remote MAP, or INT 300/CPT during Summer Term I, Term II, or both Terms
- International students registered for fall classes at Grinnell
- Students residing on campus this spring who gain approval to work on campus a minimum of 20 hours per week
- Students residing on campus this spring who are receiving departmental funding to participate in specialized, program-specific online offerings at another institution.
- F-1 seniors currently in campus housing who are awaiting OPT or will begin a U.S. graduate program will have access to housing through August 1, 2020.

Grinnell is unable to guarantee housing to students not meeting one of the previous criteria and, due to public health concerns and travel bans, cannot expand summer access to residence halls to students who do not continue living on campus through the end of spring semester. The cost of a room on campus, \$600 per summer session term and \$1,200 for the full summer, compares favorably to the rates typically available in town. Portable air conditioning units will be installed in rooms that do not have central air conditioning.

Students residing in the Grinnell College residence halls during the summer will be required to have a meal plan. The meal plan will include 15 meals per week and will cost \$900 per summer session term of \$1,800 for the full summer.

Housing and dining will operate following established physical distancing practices.

Financial aid is available only to students enrolled in a credit-bearing Grinnell academic experience. Students living on campus who choose to work and not take a class or classes are not eligible for need-based financial aid in the summer.

Summer Session

Grinnell College's 2020 Summer Session includes a range of courses in several academic disciplines, all taught in an online format.

What is the summer session calendar?

The summer session includes two six-week terms. Some courses will be offered as intensives in Terms I and II, while others will span both terms as 12-week offerings. Most offerings will be four-credit courses. There will be a limited number of two-credit options. Students may register for a total of four credits during the summer session.

Summer Term I: May 31 through July 10

Summer Term II: July 13 through August 21

12-week Summer Term: May 31 through August 21

Who is eligible for Grinnell's summer courses?

The student constituencies whom Grinnell seeks to support in response to the Covid-19 crisis are:

1. those who remain in a residence hall at the College or are prevented from returning home due to border or visa-related challenges;
2. those whose off-campus study experiences were cut short, leaving them in need of credits to make up for the resulting deficit; and
3. those who will end the spring 2020 semester having fallen behind normal academic progress toward graduation. (Students who believe they meet this criterion can apply to the leadership of the Committee on Academic Standing [here](#) after they have discussed their situation with their academic adviser.)

Students who complete their degree on May 15 are not eligible to enroll in Grinnell summer courses.

Students who enroll in credit-bearing coursework at other institutions, including those who receive Grinnell funding for credit-bearing coursework at another institution, are not eligible to enroll in Grinnell summer courses.

How do students know if they are eligible to take a Grinnell summer class?

Students falling into the above category #1 have received an email informing them of their eligibility. This includes (1.a.) students currently living on campus and (1.b.) international students on an F-1 visa currently living in the U.S.

All students who were participating in OCS Spring 2020 programs have also received an email asking that they contact Off-Campus Study to come forward if they believe they fall into the above category #2.

Students who believe they fall into the above category #3 can apply to the leadership of the Committee on Academic Standing [here](#) *after* they have discussed their situation with their academic adviser.

How will a faculty adviser know if their advisee is allowed to enroll in a summer class at Grinnell?

The stated eligibility criteria are the guiding factors. Advisers may not know if a student is in the above category #1, but those students have received communication alerting them to their eligibility. Relevant offices on campus, including the Registrar and Off-Campus Study, will work together to determine eligibility for the above category #2. The Registrar, Academic Advising, and the Committee on Academic Standing will determine eligibility for the above category #3.

Only those students with eligibility will be able to register for summer classes within the WebAdvisor system.

What is the cost for taking classes? Will financial aid be available for the summer term?

The cost will be \$1,750 for two-credit courses and \$3,500 for four-credit courses.

There is financial aid available to students for the summer term if they are currently receiving need-based aid. The Office of Financial Aid is creating a new application process. It will be posted on the Financial Aid webpage.

There will be two forms of financial aid available to those who receive need-based financial aid during the academic year: grant assistance (money that does not need to be repaid) and Grinnell College loans (which will need to be repaid). Both can be used to cover the cost of tuition. Students living on campus also may be eligible to receive grant-based financial aid to continue living on campus. Students who live off-campus are not eligible for grant assistance, but loan assistance will be available.

Financial aid is available only to students enrolled in a credit-bearing Grinnell academic experience. Students living on campus who choose to work and not take a class or classes are not eligible for need-based financial aid in the summer.

You can find more about the summer aid application process on the [Financial Aid Office website](#).

When can students register for summer session courses?

Summer registration will run from May 4 through May 11.

Registration for all summer courses, regardless of whether they take place in Term I, Term II or across both terms, will be during the summer registration period. Students can register for a maximum of four credits, either one four-credit course or two two-credit courses.

There will be no holds placed on summer 2020 registration.

What are the add/drop/withdrawal deadlines for the summer session?

Students can drop a course no later than June 5 (Term I), June 12 (Full Summer Term), or July 17 (Term II).

Students will be able to elect S/D/F and withdraw from a course though the final day of the relevant term. If a student withdraws from a class after the drop period, they will be eligible for a prorated tuition refund through June 12 (Term I), June 26 (Full Summer Term), or July 24 (Term II).

Can students take courses at other institutions over the summer?

Nearly all students may transfer credit from another institution. The full transfer credit policy is available on the [College's online catalog](#).

For transfer credits to count toward general graduation requirements, students submit a transfer credit form to the Registrar for evaluation. If the student is seeking credit toward a major or program, they will need to alert their faculty adviser of their intention, and eventually will need department/program approval. (Departments or programs will likely request to see a course syllabus and description of assignments to consider a request for a course to count toward major requirements.) Final approval of transfer credit is contingent on successful completion of the course and can be determined only once an official transcript is available.

Students cannot be enrolled at Grinnell and another institution at the same time during the summer. Therefore, if they intend to earn credits during summer 2020, they must choose Grinnell or another institution for that opportunity. For those eligible, financial aid will be available only to those enrolled at Grinnell.

Students receiving Grinnell funding to enroll in program-specific or specialized courses elsewhere will maintain their eligibility for campus housing and dining.

What about MAPs and Independent Studies?

Students whose MAP funding proposals were already approved will be able to proceed with their planning if the work will occur remotely. Unfortunately, not all the MAPs proposed earlier this spring will be possible in a remote format. Students taking a MAP will be enrolled for four credits and are therefore not eligible to take any other summer session courses. MAP students will receive a stipend of \$3,400 and a summer tuition waiver. The deadline to submit the full MAP application is Monday, June 1.

Students with pre-arranged independent study planned with a faculty member (297, 299, 387, 397, 399) may move forward with their plans if the faculty member is still willing or able to do so. However, they will need to formally register, pay tuition, and apply for financial aid. They will receive credit at the end of Summer Term II.

How will internships and internship funding work? Will CLS be open this summer?

Students who have secured a remote summer internship can proceed with their internship. Students who are seeking a remote summer internship can still work with the Center for Careers, Life, and Service (CLS) to do so; opportunities are available via Handshake. Students who have secured an unpaid, remote summer internship may apply for internship funding to the CLS, which is [accepting applications](#) on a rolling basis through June 1 or until their funding runs out.

Students who need or wish to earn academic credit as part of their summer internship experience must enroll in INT 300, arranged through the CLS, which will be offered remotely and with S/D/F grading. The .5-credit INT 300 course will cost \$437.50. The process of registering for this class is spelled out on the [CLS SharePoint site](#). F-1 students who are inside the U.S. and wish to participate in an internship must also secure [Curricular Practical Training](#) (CPT) from the Office of International Student Affairs.

Students taking an internship with INT 300 are eligible to take an additional two-credit course, but not a four-credit course. Additional credit will be charged at summer tuition rates. Students who are enrolled in INT 300 and are eligible for the summer campus housing and dining program will have access to need-based loans through the Office of Financial Aid.

In general, CLS staff will be accessible throughout the summer. Students can make video conference or phone advising appointments on [Handshake](#) to complete and review an interest assessment; review resumes and cover letters; discuss job search strategies; complete mock interviews; devise a networking strategy; explore summer internships, volunteering, and other alternatives, graduate school, post-grad service, global fellowships; and many other topics. Students are also encouraged to consult the [CLS GrinnellShare Site](#), which features many resources that students may access remotely. For any general questions, students should contact the CLS at career@grinnell.edu.

Summer Employment

The College will have a limited summer employment program as part of its overall effort to address the student needs arising from the Covid-19 crisis.

Who is eligible for the College's summer employment program?

Students eligible for summer work opportunities include:

- Students enrolled in Summer Session I, II, or both sessions
- Students registered for Fall 2020 classes at Grinnell (including F-1 visa holders)
- Others as approved by the Vice President for Finance and Treasurer of the College (administrative positions) or the Office of the Dean (academic positions)

Graduates of the class of 2020 are not eligible to work for Grinnell during the summer.

Students enrolled in a summer MAP are not eligible for summer employment at the College.

Only students living on campus in approved housing arrangements are eligible to work in on-campus jobs. Currently essential on-campus positions exist in: Campus Safety, Dining Services, Mail Services, and Accommodations.

A portion of summer employment opportunities will be remote. Supervisors and student employees will need to work together to ensure technology needs are met and proper security and confidentiality measures are in place. Students performing remote employment in a state outside of Iowa will be paid the regular rate of pay or the state minimum wage, whichever is higher.

Student employees may not work more than 40 hours per week in all jobs combined.

What is the process for applying for a summer position?

Spring semester student employment positions will officially end on May 18. Summer employment opportunities will be limited to positions deemed essential to the core mission of the College. This may include administrative and academic research assistant positions.

Details of the student summer employment position approval process are forthcoming. Available jobs will be posted in Handshake.