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SOM Graduate Course Guidance for Students

Dear SOM Graduate Students,

Thank you for all of your hard work that makes our graduate training effort run so smoothly especially during a time of ambiguity and evolving guidance. As a follow-up to the [President's message](#) on February 18th and the [message from Drs. Hackett and Kellerman](#) this morning regarding course delivery, please note the operational guidance below for SOM graduate courses and training.

- All didactic graduate courses that started the semester being delivered virtually
 - are expected to retain a virtual delivery option available to all students for the duration of the semester
 - cannot move to a solely in-person mode of delivery this semester
 - if in-person delivery is consistent with the modality (i.e. attribute) listed in the [VCU Schedule of Classes](#), the class should include in-person delivery starting March 4 or as indicated in the course syllabus
- Experiential learning activities such as laboratory research should continue with in-person training following [Phase III Return to Research](#) guidelines
- SOM graduate faculty members received a similar message today

Following this guidance will help ensure we collectively meet our shared commitments to treat you—our graduate students—fairly, maintain our graduate training goals and benchmarks, and continue to promote a safe training environment. Many thanks again for your continuing engagement in graduate education in the School of Medicine.

Sincerely,

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