



JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Contingency Plans

John Cabot University plans to resume its on-campus academic and student life activities beginning in the Fall 2020 semester.

As the situation unfolds over the summer, the University will provide periodic updates on our opening status based upon the health and safety requirements of the Italian governmental authorities. Updates will be posted following the schedule below:

End of June - Preliminary update on opening status

End of July - Second update on opening status

Mid-August - Final decision on opening status

JCU classes have been designed to have the flexibility to transition between both on-campus and remote learning deliveries to accommodate student and faculty needs, such as mandatory quarantine periods, late arrivals, and any social distancing-community health protocols.

Students will be able to complete the academic semester regardless of the adjustments that may be necessary throughout the term to ensure the health and safety of the community.

[Summary of the COVID-19 Contingency Plans to guide you for the Fall 2020 semester](#)

Health and Safety Protocols

- JCU will keep following protocols established by the Italian Government. In addition:
 - We are working with our Safety Engineer in order to maintain and update safety measures that have been in effect. Presently we have already

established specific protocols such as: before entering any university premises, all students, faculty or staff must have their temperature taken; masks are mandatory for use inside JCU premises; there are clearly delineated transit areas; social distancing rules will be respected; alcohol based sanitizers will be readily available in all premises, etc.

- JCU uses the services of a medical consultant who advises the university on health-related matters and consult with students as needed.

- We have partnered with International SOS, which will provide 3 resources to JCU:
 - 1-day workshop lead by a Senior Medical Director who is an expert on managing and working through pandemics. This will help us understand if our response is appropriate and identify any different measures that we need to take in order to ensure the highest level of safety for the JCU Community.
 - E-learning modules designed to bring awareness to our student community on best practices. These modules will be available to all members of the JCU community.
 - Specific printed materials designed to raise awareness of appropriate behavior will be available throughout JCU facilities.

Semester Calendar and Visa Waiver program:

The Fall 2020 semester will be limited to 89-days, which will facilitate students attending from visa-waiver countries. Nationals of these countries and territories, such as the USA, **do not require a visa** for visits up to a maximum of 90 days, for a variety of activities including study.

To see if your country is listed and to get more information please refer to the website of the [Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#):

Key Dates:

JCU Housing Move-in: Saturday, September 19

Orientation: Saturday and Sunday: September 19, 20

Classes Begin: Monday, September 21

Classes End: Thursday, December 10

Final Exams: Friday-Monday: December 11-14

JCU Housing Move-out: Tuesday, December 15

See the complete [Academic Calendar](#).

Housing:

- Residences
 - Health and Safety protocols established by the Italian government will be followed in our residences and we will adapt as new guidelines are released. For example:
 - We will monitor any student entering and exiting any housing premise. A doorman and/or security guard will be stationed at the entrance of each building. They will be responsible for enforcing established protocols such as:
 - Measuring body temperature of anyone entering and exiting the buildings
 - Ensuring that only residents are allowed to enter the premises
 - Requiring that all students entering the building are wearing appropriate mouth covering
 - Reporting any protocol violations to the Office of the Dean of Students
 - Reporting students who are found in violation of safety and security protocols. They may be dismissed from the building and may face consequences according to the Italian legal system.
 - We will follow any protocols regarding apartment occupancy. This may range from normal occupancy to placing one student per room in order to provide additional social distancing measures.
 - We will comply with cleaning and sterilization guidelines of all public areas.
- Quarantine and Self-isolation
 - We will keep monitoring for any directives from the Italian government regarding measures to be taken when someone arrives in Italy from a foreign location and respond appropriately.
 - If a 14-day quarantine is required, we will be able to provide shelter and facilitate the acquisition of food by the students.
 - If our medical consultant recommends that a student be required to self-isolate from a shared apartment due to display of symptoms, we will be able to follow the advice. We are setting aside a few apartments within our residences that could be used for this purpose.
- Refunds

- Tuition: Due to Covid-19 related matters, Fall 2020 students that are unable to attend John Cabot University are eligible to receive a full tuition refund (including the deposit fee) if they withdraw from the university prior to the end of the second week of classes—by October 1st. For a full tuition refund schedule go to: <https://www.johncabot.edu/admissions/tuition-and-fees/refund-policy.aspx>
- Housing: Fall 2020, students unable to attend John Cabot University for matters related to Covid-19 will be eligible to receive a full refund for the housing fee *before* the end of the first week of classes—by September 24— as long as the unit has not been occupied. No refunds will be given *after* the student occupies the unit.