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A hallmark of the high quality of teaching of Westmont's faculty has been the variety of approaches that professors take to constructing and conducting their courses in ways that best serve students and draw on the skills and gifts of faculty. We are confident that our faculty will display both creativity and responsibility in this challenging season.

Our approach to teaching this fall will continue to prioritize the relational, residential education that is core to our mission as a Christian liberal arts college. For the health and safety of all our community, we recognize that some adjustments to our approaches to that relational education will be needed. But we are dedicated to making adjustments that serve our students well.

As we prioritize the relational aspects of our educational philosophy, we will be especially mindful of the additional challenges our students are facing at this time. Faculty and student support staff will continue to work together closely to identify students who may be struggling and to connect them with the resources they may need. Professors and advisors will provide early and regular updates to our Care Team about students who are not participating or seem to be laboring or under duress.

Faculty will also provide ways for students who have to engage remotely because of required isolation or quarantine to participate as fully as possible in our courses; professors may take a range of approaches to meeting this need, just as they do when students need to miss class during regular semesters. Those approaches include, but are not limited to, recording the class session, allowing the students to participate by video conference, and providing specific make-up or alternative assignments.

Faculty will be committed to holding sufficient synchronous office hours (in person or remotely). If the size of the office does not provide sufficient space, faculty will use outside meeting spaces or conduct the meeting via video conference.

Finally, given the ongoing public health crisis created by the pandemic, we recognize that we need to anticipate scenarios that would require us to move to an all-remote structure in the midst of the semester. The faculty are committed to planning and structuring courses in ways that will allow us to adapt as needed while ensuring the quality of the education our students receive regardless of public health circumstances.

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