

Dear Peabody Conservatory students:

I want to sincerely thank you for the resilience, flexibility, and fortitude you have shown over the past week, as together we have navigated through such an extraordinarily complex and difficult challenge. As part of the global effort to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we have called on you to adapt your expectations for the spring semester, and you have responded. I hope you know that every decision we have made has been guided by both the utmost care for your health and well-being as well as a commitment to ensuring that you have the opportunity to complete your Peabody work for this semester.

With the University's decision to extend the remote learning modality through the end of this semester, you will have many questions about what this means for Peabody. Here is what we know, now.

At this time all residential students are required to leave campus as soon as possible. We have made limited exceptions for those who cannot return home due to international travel restrictions or other extraordinary circumstances. Refunds will be offered for the balance of the semester for housing and dining contracts. The Student Affairs Office will be in contact with residential students shortly as they are developing a procedure for residential students to return to campus to collect belongings at a later time or to store those items. If you have a specific need or concern, don't hesitate to reach out to peabodystudentaffairs@jhu.edu.

The expectation is that students who live off campus will practice and work where they live.

The following decisions have been made in consultation with Peabody Conservatory department chairs about academic matters:

- **Lessons and most classes** will continue online.
- Information will be forthcoming about **Ensembles** and **Chamber Music**.
- **Juries** are canceled for the spring semester and the credit will be waived.
- All **non-degree recitals** are canceled.
- **Degree Recitals**
 - Degree recitals for graduating students in the BM, MM, GPD, and DMA are canceled and the associated credits will be removed from degree requirements.
 - DMA students not graduating this semester are encouraged to check in with their department chair and Dean Mathews regarding degree recitals.
 - Any student whose degree recital is canceled but who would still like to have a final recital on campus may work with the Concert Office to reschedule a time after the campus re-opens, pending hall availability.

The many new and existing resources that are in place to support you include:

- [Academic Advising](#) is available for meetings by phone or Zoom, for academic matters and planning.
- [LAUNCHPad](#) is offering online coaching and assistance with course material for the Breakthrough Curriculum, projects, and grant applications.
- Technical support for online lessons and classes can be found at the website [Remote Teaching and Learning at Peabody](#). Important links and phone numbers for IT support can be found here: [IT Support During Campus Closure](#).

- [Friedheim Library](#) continues to offer [research and assignment support](#) online by appointment while closed to the public. Many library resources can be [accessed remotely](#). If you have questions about how to access scores, recordings, or books, contact us [via chat](#) or at friedheimlibrary@jhu.edu.
- Peabody Student Affairs can help with questions and connections to other resources. You can reach Student Affairs by calling 667-208-6700 or emailing peabodystudentaffairs@jhu.edu. Student Affairs is working on setting up a virtual way that you can stop by their office and will share that link in the coming days. Please also follow them on Instagram [@Peabody_StudentAffairs](#) so you can stay connected!

We understand that commencement is an important moment for many of you. We are currently exploring creative ways to pursue a virtual commencement event this year. Details will be forthcoming.

We recognize that many questions remain, and we will be in touch with additional information as we work through the many ramifications of this unexpected turn of events. I thank you all for your patience and understanding, for the kindness and generosity you have shown to each other, and for your continued efforts to stay informed and take good care of yourselves and our community.

Sincerely,
Fred Bronstein
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