AUA COVID-19 Pandemic Rules & Guidelines
Fall 2020

All courses at the American University of Armenia will be held online during the 2020 Fall semester. This decision was taken to protect the health and safety of all members of the AUA community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, no curricular activities will be held at the AUA facilities during the Fall 2020 semester. There may be some co-curricular and extra-curricular face-to-face activities in the AUA buildings, but access to the building will be strictly controlled. All faculty, staff, and students who are granted access to the buildings must wear masks and follow the gathering procedures described in this document. Individuals that work on campus must follow all state of emergency requirements and regulations for safe pandemic behaviors.

If you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19, you must self-quarantine at home and seek assistance from health care providers if your condition worsens.

Current RA health and safety regulations state:

No more than 20 people may participate in face-to-face meetings/gatherings

Attendees must wear face masks

There should be 1.5 meters of physical distance between individuals

Trash cans with lids for safe disposal of masks and gloves must be in each room

Temperatures should be taken with no-contact thermometers and results should be recorded in a registry

Working space and frequently touched surfaces must be disinfected with chlorine-based or alcohol-based (70-80%) disinfectants

Attendees must have access to water, soap, and hand sanitizer for regular hand washing

Building Access

Access to AUA buildings will be strictly controlled. Faculty, staff, and students will be required to check in and out at the PAB Reception Desk using their ID cards. No third-party access will be granted to the campus without preliminary notice and approval by AUA Facilities — all requests should be sent to security@aua.am. Temperatures will be recorded upon entering and leaving campus. The PAB entrance will remain the only entry point to campus.

Stairs

Sign out

Reception

Sign in

PAB
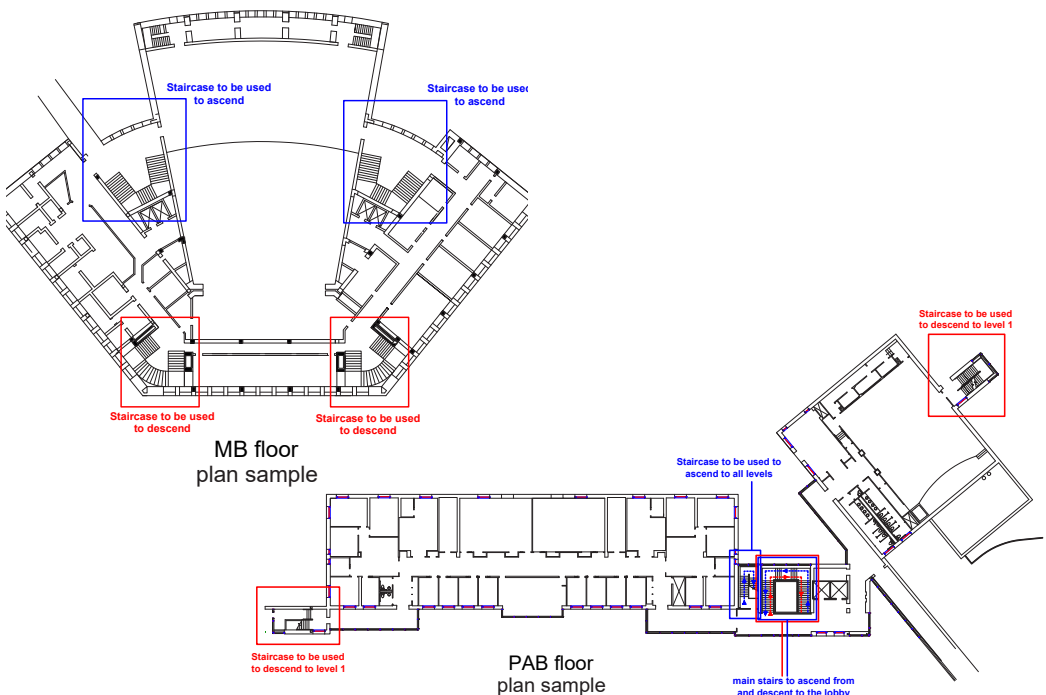MAIN ENTRANCE
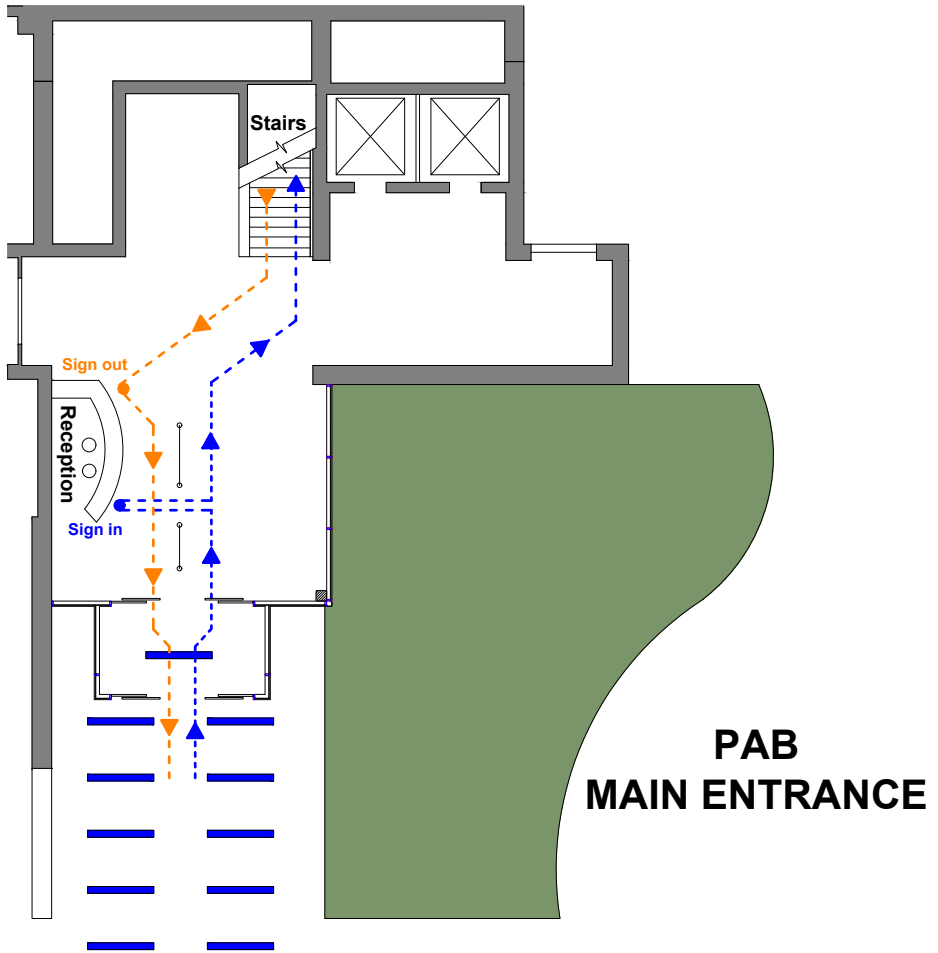
1.5 distanced markings

Building Usage

All community members are mandated to wear face masks, **possess a valid AUA ID**, and follow safe pandemic practices at all times. Students will only be granted access to the buildings as per prior appointment or pre-registered event.

While on Campus, all members and visitors are required to:

- Wear face masks

- Keep safe distancing

- Wash hands and sanitizing

- Follow traffic and lane control

Dedicated floor markings will guide the flow of traffic in the buildings — staircases will serve only one-way traffic (e.g., staircases will be assigned as ascending or descending). Follow the blue markings to go up the stairs and follow the red markings to go down the stairs. Elevators should only be used when necessary (e.g., people with disabilities, the elderly, while transporting large/heavy items). Please note that campus disinfection will be carried out several times during the day using certified materials, cold steam foggers, and proper disinfecting protocols.

Staircase to be used to ascend

Staircase to be used to ascend

Staircase to be used to descend to level 1

Staircase to be used to descend

Staircase to be used to descend

MB floor plan sample

Staircase to be used to ascend to all levels

Staircase to be used to descend to level 1

PAB floor plan sample

main stairs to ascend from and descent to the lobby

Classroom Usage

Specific classroom/spaces will be assigned for use during the Fall 2020 semester. Faculty and staff, please visit booking.aua.am to view one of our available classrooms and reserve the room by following the room booking guidelines. Classroom availability is updated on the website. Classroom and room capacities will be limited, and seating will be rearranged to maintain safe distancing. All usable classrooms/spaces will be equipped with UV disinfecting devices.

Technology Updates

The institution's technological infrastructure has also been enhanced to accommodate the additional load needed to provide a quality teaching and learning environment. The University has invested in Zoom Pro accounts for all faculty to achieve greater efficiencies during class synchronous sessions. Zoom Pro accounts have been integrated into Moodle, which has also been updated for our online semester. Visit the ICTS website "For Employees" section for more information and instructions. As you know, ICTS is always available through email (service@aua.am) and hotline (060 61 2662) to provide timely and efficient support. Please contact the Library (library@aua.am) if you need to borrow a laptop or tablet to complete your work.

All students will be provided with a "Microsoft 365 Apps" subscription with the possibility to download and install Office applications on their personal Windows or Mac computers — directions can be found on the ICTS website (see the "Students" section).

Zoom & Online Teaching

All members of the community should download Zoom to ensure that it is working properly on their computers. If you experience any problems, notify ICTS.