

NSP Fall 2020: Policies and Principles

Principles for Fall 2020

1. Nobody signed up for this.
 - Not for the sickness, not for the social distancing, not for the alterations to our collective lives together on campus.
 - Not for online or hybrid classes, not for advising/being advised remotely, not for mastering new technologies, not for the inability to gather in person.
 - Not for the uncertainty of this semester.
2. The humane option is the best option.
 - We are going to prioritize supporting each other as humans.
 - We are going to prioritize simple solutions that make sense for the most.
 - We are going to prioritize sharing resources and communicating clearly.
3. We cannot just do the same thing online or in socially distant, masked face-to-face encounters.
 - Some traditional activities are no longer possible.
 - Some expectations are no longer reasonable.
 - Some objectives are no longer valuable.
4. We will foster intellectual nourishment, social connection, and personal accommodation.
 - Our focus will be on delivering key information and enriching our personal and academic lives.
 - We will prioritize building community.
 - We will recognize that everyone's response to the current situation is unique and valid.
5. We will prioritize health and safety.
 - Our focus will be on protecting ourselves and our (NSP and extended) community from COVID-19.
 - We will adhere to all regulations set forth by the university, the Honors College, and the NSP.
 - We understand that this will require sacrifice and compromise.
6. We will remain flexible and adjust to the situation.
 - Nobody knows where this is going and what we'll need to adapt.
 - Everybody needs support and understanding in this unprecedented moment.
7. We will give grace—to ourselves, to one another, and to those who make decisions that affect us. There is no rule book for this situation and all decisions are complicated.

Credit to Dr. Brandon Payne, UNC-Chapel Hill, for developing the original list of principles on which this is based.

Policies for Usage of the NSP Suite

- Maximum Occupancy is 7. This must be adhered to 24/7.
 - If you arrive and the office is at capacity, please leave and check back later.
 - Please be mindful of others and relinquish your space if you have been in the office for an extended period and/or have alternative spaces in which study.
- Occupants must adhere to university policies for face coverings.
- Please adhere to social distancing guidelines, keeping a minimum of 6 feet between yourself and others.
- The furniture has been arranged to meet social distancing regulations. Do not move it.
- Please sanitize your seating/work area (table, chair) when you arrive.
- The refrigerator, microwave, water cooler, and coffee maker are available for communal use. Please sanitize after each use.
- There will be no storage of coffee mugs and other reusable cups or dishware in the NSP office in Fall 2020.
 - You may utilize a sealable, reusable mug or bottle for coffee/water, but it must come and go with you.
 - Disposable cups will be available for your use.
- The cubbies are available for individual, daily use for other items. Please remove personal items at the end of each day and sanitize.
- Any communal food must be individually packaged/wrapped.
- The printer will be available for your use. Please make your usage as contactless as possible and sanitize any surfaces you touch after use.
- Please provide your own office supplies. Communal dry erase markers, staplers, tape, pens, and scissors will not be available.

The NSP leadership team reserves the right to modify any of the above policies if conditions warrant.

