

The Associated Students of the University of Missouri is requesting faculty cancel, excuse, or move to an online asynchronous format for their classes on Tuesday, November 3rd to ensure that students can exercise their civic duty of voting and serving as poll workers. Covid-19 has had a profound impact on all aspects of our lives and voting is no exception. The virus has exacerbated the preexisting barriers that college students face in getting to the polls and limited the number of eligible poll workers to serve on election day.

It is our belief that creating an engaged and educated electorate is a fundamental pursuit of higher education and this is why we are asking for your help. The infrastructure is already in place to make this transition possible. We are asking that you take advantage of Canvas and prerecorded Zoom lectures as asynchronous alternatives to your normally scheduled classes. Students must be able to participate in this election. Please consider giving your students the opportunity to vote and serve as poll workers by adopting one of our proposed alternatives to your normal class scheduling.

This request is in collaboration with and supported by the following student organizations:

Missouri Students Association, Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students, FourFront Marginalized Student Government, Missouri International Student Council, Mizzou College Republicans, Mizzou Democrats, Alumni Association Student Board, Graduate Professional Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Legion of Black Collegians, and Residence Halls Association