



Dear Pre-Mester Students,

Rhodes College decided today that the Pre-Mester program will be held remotely, rather than on campus. Because local conditions regarding the coronavirus have not improved of late, we have decided to host the program in a virtual environment. Pre-Mester participants, in other words, will not be coming to campus on July 26.

Pre-Mester will remain what it was designed to be: a rigorous program for first-year students that offers the opportunity to build a close-knit learning community under the expert guidance of one of our outstanding faculty members. Although we will need to make some changes to the social events and other non-academic aspects of the program, the heart of the program will stay the same. You remain registered in your course, and the Career Academy will proceed after the completion of your course, as planned.

The decision regarding Pre-Mester has no bearing on the larger question of whether the College will open for the fall semester, and at this point our intent remains to re-open our campus fully—to all students—in late August.

For now, please plan on an official Pre-Mester welcome meeting on Sunday, July 26 at 5 PM CDT via a Zoom link, followed by the start of classes the following morning, Monday, July 27. Details about book orders, course delivery, and the schedule of events will soon follow.

Please write back to us if you have questions, concerns, or if you wish to cancel your registration. We are currently working with the Bursar's Office to make sure that your Rhodes account is not charged for Pre-Mester Room and Board. If you plan to cancel your registration for the remote Pre-Mester experience, please let us know by Friday, July 10 at 5 PM by emailing stokesj@rhodes.edu from your Rhodes Email account. If you previously cancelled your registration, but would like to re-enroll, please let us know.

Again, we look forward to welcoming you to Rhodes and getting to know you—virtually—later this month.

Sincerely,

Timothy S. Huebner, Associate Provost
Jamia Stokes, Associate Dean of Students
Pre-Mester Co-Chairs