Dear members of the Art Institute Community,

As neighbors sing to each other across their balconies in Italy and museums around the world open up their collections for people to visit them online, we see how the arts are adapting and how they continue to bring joy to the lives of so many. And so, here at The Art Institutes, we adapt as well.

An education at The Art Institutes is designed to be a hands-on experience. As such, we are designing your distance learning experience with a heavy focus on engagement - on the interaction between students and faculty. And, when it is safe to do so, we will return to on-campus instruction (which we are tentatively planning to take place in May).

Courses for spring will take place via the Brightspace Learning Management System, an online learning platform. There you will find all course content, eBooks and learning resources, student and faculty discussion threads as well as tutorials such as LinkedIn Learning. The platform will provide 24/7 access to the electronic library and online databases.

Your coursework will be supplemented by video, audio, chat and every other means we can employ. You will also have access to Ai Edge, our career readiness tool, as well as new virtual workshops and presentations designed to help you with your industry and career knowledge.

You will have access to the platform from your own computer, your tablet and your smartphone through Pulse, the Brightspace app. You will be learning and interacting with students from across The Art Institutes system, providing the opportunity to expand your network as well as to experience greater collaboration and creative access with your peers.

To make this endeavor as successful as possible and ensure we understand the needs of our students for this transition, we need your help. Please complete a short survey for us at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5HSN3G9. We ask that you complete the survey no later than 04/01/2020.

Your mentor will be reaching out to assist you in getting set up on Brightspace and your instructors will be reaching out to you directly as plans for individual classes are finalized. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit MyAiCampus often. There you will find the latest news and information about the spring quarter, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

Thank you again for your patience and your flexibility over the past few weeks as we work towards what the next quarter will look like for our students. We will continue to provide updates and information to ensure a successful start to the new quarter.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Ai Virtual Learning from The Art Institutes?
Ai Virtual Learning is a technology platform allowing students to learn from the comfort and safety of their own home. You will be given the tools and resources to attend your classes remotely, without any in-person or in-campus requirements.

Why are classes being taught remote right now?
Our states, accreditors and regulators have approved the Art Institutes to teach new and existing students remotely due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

How long will I be able to attend classes remotely?
Given the fluid nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, we do not have an official end date for remote learning. The Art Institutes is committed to ensuring student and faculty safety and will not return to in-campus instruction until it is deemed safe to do so.

Will this impact the degree I earn?
No. You will still earn your degree from your chosen The Art Institutes institution, an accredited campus-based, non-online institution.

Do the credits I earn while learning remotely through Ai Virtual Learning still count?
Yes! All credits earned during your remote instruction period will count towards your degree program of study.

Do I have the option to come to the campus for classes if I want to?
Unfortunately, due to the risk of close social interaction, we are unable to allow students on campus. However, once the Covid-19 outbreak subsides, classes will shift back to our exciting, hands-on and in-person learning experience at our campuses.