

Post-Closure Academic Resource Guide for Students Sonoma State University Fall 2019

1. *Your Wellness*

A. Safety

Many of our Sonoma State family (students, faculty, and staff) have evacuated, lost electricity, lost a home, or sustained damage to their homes during the Kincade Fire incident. If you feel impacted by this event, you are not alone! Reach out to NomaCares for assistance. Visit the [NomaCares](#) website, email nomacares@sonoma.edu or call **707-664-3833**.

B. Physical or Mental Health Concerns

If you are experiencing physical or mental health setbacks including stress please reach out to Sonoma State's [Student Health Center](#) or to [Counseling and Psychological Services](#).

2. *Academic Deadlines and Processes*

A. Course Adjustments

Many instructors will be adjusting their course schedules in light of the campus closure. Watch for information from your instructors about adjustments to assignments, deadlines, and test dates. Be sure to contact them if you are unclear about the expectations.

If you have lost books or course materials in the fire or during the evacuation process, you may need assistance to continue with your course work. Contact NomaCares (nomacares@sonoma.edu) and the University will make every effort to help replace books quickly.

B. Academic Calendar for Fall 2019

We have extended the following two deadlines for students with “serious and compelling” reasons (defined below).

- Deadline to withdraw from one or more classes has been extended to **December 6**.
- Last day to change grade mode from graded to CR/NC has been extended to **November 22**.

As this time, the rest of the [campus Academic Calendar](#) remains the same.

- Registration for Spring 2020: **November 18 - 22** (by appointment only; dates subject to change)
- **Thanksgiving Holiday** (No classes Nov. 27, campus closed Nov. 28-29)
- Thesis deadline for December 2019 graduates: **December 1**
- Last day of Instruction: **December 6**
- Last day for full- term withdraw (with documentation of serious illness or injury; no refund): **December 6**. Any withdraws after this date are considered retroactive and need to follow the University's withdraw policy.
- Finals Week: **December 9-13**

If you are unable to meet academic deadlines, please contact your academic advisor or contact NomaCares at nomacares@sonoma.edu or 707-664-4390.

C. Frequently Asked Questions

What are “serious and compelling” reasons for withdrawing from a class?

You can find typical “serious and compelling” reasons [here](#).

In the context of the Kincade Fire, the University Standards Committee will consider cases including (but not limited to) those in which a student and/or the family of the student lost a home, was evacuated, experienced the death of a family member, had significant caretaking responsibilities, or experienced significant psychological and/or physical trauma as a result of the fires.

May I take an incomplete in my course?

An incomplete may be allowed by your instructor provided you have completed a substantial amount of the work for the course (usually 50%) and that the remaining work can be completed outside of class. The Incomplete Form and policy are [here](#).

What should I do if I am unable to return to campus?

The Sonoma State University community wants to do everything we can to keep you on track or help you re-enter more easily when you are ready to return. There are many options to discuss with your academic advisor including taking a Leave of Absence. There may also be financial implications you should know about and discuss with Financial Aid advisors.

Where can I get more help?

If you have other questions or would like additional information or support please contact [NomaCares](#) at nomacares@sonoma.edu or 707-664-3833.