

Renegade Roundup



June 7, 2020 Update

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Dear colleagues:

Enrollment Update

Based on the May 27 enrollment report prepared by the Institutional Research Office, BC's summer enrollment is up 3.6% compared to summer 2019. This indicates that the recent introduction of our normal outreach activities, albeit in a virtual environment, is showing that enrollments are on the upswing. I am anticipating the same to happen with Fall 2020 enrollments as well.

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Bakersfield College	Point-in-Time Comparison ¹							
	Summer - 3rd Week				Fall - 7 Weeks After Open Reg			
	Summer 2019	Summer 2020	Diff	% Chg	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	13,139	13,776	637	4.8%	16,299	13,687	-2,612	-16.0%
Duplicated Enrollments	19,096	22,269	3,173	16.6%	48,413	41,204	-7,209	-14.9%
Waitlisted Enrollments ²	1,162	513	-649	-55.9%	5,498	2,308	-3,190	-58.0%
Current FTES ³	1,982.5	2,053.5	71.0	3.6%	5,966.7	4,485.5	-1,481.2	-24.8%
Workload (FTEF)	150.6	169.5	18.9	12.5%	474.6	633.9	159.3	33.6%
FTES/FTEF ⁴	13.2	12.1	-1.0	-8.0%	12.6	7.1	-5.5	-43.7%
Active Sections	782	840	58	7.4%	2,007	2,143	136	6.8%

Commencement Update

We have over 3,000 students graduating this year with an associate's degree. In addition to a future opportunity to participate in May 2021's in-person commencement ceremony, BC will celebrate this year's graduates with a photo roll recognition of the class of 2020. Please invite students to submit a photo in regalia if they want to be a part of the photo roll by submitting a [Graduation Celebration form](#) by noon June 19, 2020. The celebration will take place on **July 11**. Stay tuned for details.

California Reopening

On March 26, Governor Newsom announced counties with approved attestations, including Kern, can begin moving into the early part of stage 3 of the Resilience Roadmap. Newsom also made clear that the decision to move further into stage 3 will be a local decision, but stage 4 movement is not yet permitted. Declaring "localism is determinative," he announced that counties should follow the guidelines set forth at the state level, but must work with their public health leaders to determine pace of reopening. Kern has since announced approval for stage 3 industries to reopen.

During his Friday, May 29 update, Newsom reminded us that as the state increases testing significantly, positive case numbers will also rise. According to covid19.ca.gov, the positivity rate has remained relatively stable at around 4.5% over the past 14 days, while Kern's positivity rate over the past 14 days is higher at 5.5%.

As a reminder, here is BC's framework for essential activities to return to campus.

Incremental Opening when Stay at Home is lifted

Health and wellbeing of employees and students

- Shared responsibility – college, departments, individuals

Effective and efficient during potential economic downturn

- Hiring freeze except for essential positions
- Efficiency and productivity (Board Finance Committee)

Continue physical distancing

- Minimize people on campus
- No large gatherings
- Staggered scheduling of office staff
- Masks when on campus

Prioritize student learning and program completion

- Hard to convert classes prioritize for face-to-face with public health protocol
- Flexible semester scheduling – online, hybrid, 8-week, 6-week, 5-week options.

Safety protocols for individuals to follow in physical spaces

- Sanitizing protocol
- Face covers, individual space sanitizing after use

Agile – tight/loose

- Anticipate epidemic trends and adjust as needed

Always in Community

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Summer 2020:

Summer 2020 at BC looks very different than in previous years with significantly fewer sections on campus to ensure a minimal, essential footprint for the safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Business Unusual: A Minimal, Essential Footprint to Ensure Safety

	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Difference	Percentage
Buildings	36	3	33	-91.7%
Classrooms	156	6	150	-96.2%
In-Person Sections	2,300	14	2,286	-99.4%

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M&O will determine maximum classroom capacity for fall 2020 based on square footage of room and equipment needs.

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Fall 2020:

Fall 2020 on-campus activity must be significantly reduced for BC's public health and safety protocols to be realistic and effective. In fall, we are currently scheduled with only 568 courses or 26% of courses being offered face-to face.

To continue to reduce the footprint, we continue to seek faculty who will consider hybrid and online (asynchronous and synchronous) courses. Please review the email Vice President of Instruction, Billie Jo Rice, sent in April.

On April 15, 2020, The Vice President of Instruction sent an email

Fall Planning:

As we continue to track global, national, and local news we recognize the uncertainties that come with the ebb and flow of the virus. In order to be proactive and do our part in protecting our community we want to **minimize the number of students, faculty, and staff physically on campus** for the fall semester. Yet, we also want to provide opportunities for our students to be able to complete their programs of study. Therefore, at this time, we are seeking **volunteers** that are interested in modifying their courses to one of the following options:

- Two 8-week sessions (online, hybrid, or face-to-face)
- BC Online - Flexible (asynchronous)
- BC Online - Scheduled (synchronous)
- Hybrid

If you are interested, please notify your department chair as soon as possible, so we can make the appropriate changes to the schedule to facilitate student registration.



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Dashboards

As of today June 7 at 11:30 a.m., the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows global cases approaching 7 million while the U.S. approaches 2 million confirmed cases. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers from the last time I published a Renegade Roundup.

	May 24	June 7	Difference	Percentage
World	5,344,539	6,952,505	1,607,966	30.1%
U.S.	1,628,251	1,927,428	298,997	18.4%
California	92,631	128,739	36,108	39%
Kern	1,834	2,730	896	48.9%

The [IHME Dashboard](#) updated its projections again on June 5, showing a projection of 140,496 total COVID-19 deaths in the United States (6,952 of them in California) by August 4, 2020.

Celebrating our People

As is the tradition at BC, at Closing Day, the president recognizes individuals and groups who have played a leadership role the preceding year. This year during our first [Closing Week](#), I recognized [Student Affairs](#) for their rapid transition of high-touch support services to a robust high-tech, virtual support environment this semester. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnHR7krLT4&feature=youtu.be>

That's all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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