

# Spring courses set to begin next month

HOLYOKE — The spring 2021 semester officially began at Holyoke Community College on Monday, Jan. 25, but prospective students still have two more opportunities to start classes in February and March.

Spring session II classes at HCC begin Tues., Feb. 16. Spring start III classes begin Mon., March 29.

“HCC introduced two “Flexible Fall” start dates last semester to accommodate students as they adjusted to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and they were very popular,” said Mark Hudgik, HCC’s direc-

tor of Admissions. “We decided to continue this spring with two flexible start dates for students who may not have been ready on Jan. 25.”

Feb. 16-start classes run for 12 weeks. March 29-start classes run for seven. All spring semester courses conclude by Wed., May 12, 2021.

Students who enroll for spring session II or III have the opportunity to take a variety of different classes in a wide array of academic areas and can earn as many as four credits per course for a lab science, such as biology or forensic science.

These accelerated spring courses are being offered in anatomy and physiology, anthropology, biology, communication, culinary arts, Earth science, education, engineering, English, English as a Second Language, forensic science, history, human services, marketing, math, medical assisting, nutrition, philosophy, political science, psychology, social science, and sociology.

With the exception of culinary arts and medical assisting classes, which include in-person, on-campus components, all spring session II and III class-

es are either fully online or “blended remote,” which means they include both asynchronous lessons and real-time virtual instruction.

A full list of classes for spring session II and III can be viewed at [hcc.edu/spring](http://hcc.edu/spring).

A number of the courses for the 2020-2021 school year have been remote since the pandemic. The school has also had to modify a lot of its courses in order to accommodate health and safety protocols set by the state. The college has been able to offer a lot of unique and useful courses since the onset of the pandemic.