



## **Catastrophic Events Policy**

In the unlikely event of a catastrophe in which Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU) is no longer able to offer classes on campus or remotely due to a natural disaster or other unforeseen phenomenon every effort will still be made to help students complete the outcomes for the term.

The MVNU Emergency Operations Plan provides detailed emergency instructions for MVNU students to ensure safety and protection of property during fire, severe weather, loss of utilities, and other emergencies.

The University leverages widely available educational technologies such as Moodle Learning Management System (LMS) and the collaboration platforms Google Meet, Zoom, and Microsoft Teams, all of which are cloud based to minimize the likelihood of noticeable service interruption. Further, the Technology Infrastructure Policy ensures that systems are protected from vulnerabilities, adequately secured, and backed up to prevent record destruction and/or data loss.

Please refer to the MVNU University Policies page ([www.mvnu.edu/officesandservices/policies](http://www.mvnu.edu/officesandservices/policies)) for a comprehensive list of policies outlined to protect students and define procedures, including Technology Infrastructure and Records Retention.

To the extent possible, students will not suffer financially as a result of the catastrophic event, but the University cannot promise to make them whole in all circumstances.

The University will use flexibility in determining how to best provide for the continuation of classes and services. Advisors and/or program directors will counsel individual students affected by the catastrophic event on completing their classes and degrees. Mount Vernon Nazarene University will address program discontinuances on a case-by-case basis due to the specific needs of each degree or program. This allows the institution to better serve the needs of individual students by degree and program.

In the event that a degree or program must be discontinued, the University will proceed according to Ohio Department of Higher Education and Higher Learning Commission regulations. A teach-out plan will be submitted to the Ohio Department of Higher Education and Higher Learning Commission prior to its implementation. To the extent possible, students will not suffer financially as a result of the catastrophic event, but the University cannot promise to make them whole in all circumstances.

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