Dear Majors and Minors,

We are returning this fall to a very different campus than the one we left in March at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope that you, your family, and friends are safe and healthy. The loss of lives and livelihoods has touched all of us.

Over the summer, the faculty here in our Urban and Community Studies Program have been working hard to prepare for the start of classes. We wanted to be sure to offer a full range of URBN courses so that you can continue toward your degree without interruption.

For safety, the majority of our courses will be taught online. Our aim has been to redevelop these courses so they will be just as interesting and challenging as those that we will continue to teach in person.

This is a challenging time, but it also a moment when our interests in cities and communities can prove of great value. The COVID-19 pandemic is having a tremendous impact on our communities here in Connecticut and all around the world I encourage you to help as much as you can in the recovery work that lies ahead.

This is also a very stressful time, so please don’t hesitate to reach out to me or anyone in the UCS program if you have any questions or concerns.

I am available just about any day of the week and can be reached by phone and text at 303-641-3346. My email is ken.foote@uconn.edu and use WebEx and Skype for conference calls.

Our UCS advising team will also post regular online meeting times in the http://nexus.uconn.edu system and some in-person meeting times will be available.

Yours sincerely, Ken Foote