Catastrophic Events Plan

A catastrophic event is defined as an unforeseen event, outside of the control of the University, which prevents the University, its faculty, staff, and students from proceeding with normal activities.

In the unlikely event of a catastrophe in which Hannibal-LaGrange University (HLGU) is no longer able to offer classes on campus or remotely due to a natural disaster, pandemic, or other unforeseen event, every effort will still be made to help students complete the outcomes for the current term.

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

HLGU leverages widely available educational technologies such as the Canvas, Learning Management System (LMS), and Google for Education cloud-hosted collaboration resources. University technology resources also adhere to University continuity guidelines that provide for an off-campus disaster recovery site with co-located computing resources.

HLGU will use flexibility in determining how to best provide for the continuation of coursework and services. The Vice President of Academic Administration (VPAA) and academic leadership team will counsel individual students affected by the catastrophic event on completing their classes and/or degree program.

HLGU will address program discontinuances on a case-by-case basis due to the specific needs of each degree or program. This allows the University 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 Higher Learning Commission, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Missouri Board of Nursing guidelines. A teach-out plan will be submitted to these entities prior to its implementation. To the extent possible, students will not suffer financially as a result of the catastrophic event.