

Dear Colleagues and Students,

**Updated Teaching and Learning Arrangements for Semester 1, 2020/21**

Warm greetings to you all!

Subsequent to my email to you in early July 2020, the University has revised its teaching and learning arrangements, as follows, for Semester 1, 2020/21. We need to have tighter safety measures owing to the latest resurgence of the COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong.

1. The new semester will start on 7 September 2020 as scheduled. All face-to-face classes, including sub-degree, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, will be suspended. All classes will instead be delivered online until further notice.
2. When the situation allows, the University will adopt mixed-mode teaching and learning and start to bring back students to lab/studio/practicum sessions in a closely monitored and staggered fashion. However, teachers are requested to make a contingency plan in case some or all students are not able to come back to the campus for face-to-face teaching for the whole semester.
3. Non-local students (returning and freshmen) should NOT come to Hong Kong until further notice from the University. Given the current COVID-19 situation in Hong Kong, we would not expect non-local students to be able to come to Hong Kong soon. We will give non-local students ample advance notice when the time is right to start planning their trips to Hong Kong.
4. Lastly, the Convocation and all orientation activities organized by the University and student societies for new students in this summer will be conducted online.

We understand that this will cause disruptions to your plans and bring along additional work. Your co-operation and efforts are deeply appreciated. Let's work together to continue students' learning while keeping everyone's health and safety as our top priority.

We will monitor the situation closely and communicate to you any further revisions, if any, promptly.

Please stay healthy and take care of yourself. May I wish you and your family good health.

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