



Dear Students and Colleagues,

Teaching and Learning Arrangements for Semester 1, 2021/22

We are drawing closer to the end of the 2020/21 academic year, which has been another exceptional year under the global COVID-19 pandemic. It is now time for all of us to get prepared for the commencement of the new 2021/22 academic year.

Teaching and Learning Activities

As the COVID-19 situation continues to improve in Hong Kong, the University will resume face-to-face classes in Semester 1, 2021/22 which will start on 6 September 2021. To facilitate students' learning, the practice of video recording and archive of lectures will continue in the coming academic year.

All students who are now residing outside Hong Kong are advised to make your travel plan as early as possible and allow sufficient time for quarantine and vaccination so that you can return to the campus in time for classes.

The University understands that some students may not be able to return to campus by September due to factors such as travelling restrictions and/or quarantine requirement. These students should promptly inform their course instructors of such situation. Course instructors are invited to make other arrangement, such as mixed mode teaching and rescheduling, to ensure that these students will be able to benefit from synchronous teaching and their learning would not be adversely affected. Research postgraduate students should confirm the arrangements with their Principal Supervisor.

Student Exchange

We are working very closely with our partners to resume academic student exchange as much as possible. We expect such activities will be limited due to worldwide travel restrictions and quarantine requirements.

Campus access

The current arrangements and procedures for student and staff access to campus will continue to be in force, namely:

- Completing the online health declaration before entering the campus;

- Wearing masks at all times while on campus;
- Refraining from eating and drinking in class; and
- Maintaining appropriate social distancing and continuing all necessary precautionary measures.

Access to Student Residential Halls and NTT

As students interact very closely in Halls and NTT, we appeal to all residential students to fulfill their obligation to protect the residential community as well as themselves. Starting from **9 August 2021**, students accessing Halls and NTT must have received both doses of vaccine for 14 days or more, OR be able to present a negative COVID-19 test result conducted by a Government approved testing laboratory within the past 14 days.

Details of application for financial support will be provided by the Office of Student Affairs in due course for residential students who cannot take vaccination for medical reasons or encounter difficult situations that need financial assistance to meet the testing fees.

On-site COVID-19 vaccination arrangements

The resumption of face-to-face teaching is a critical step for students and colleagues to engage in the rich campus activities which constitute a critical element of University life. The pandemic has continued for over 500 days and affected our daily lives. For public health and to safeguard the University community, the University strongly recommends staff and students to get vaccinated.

The University Health Services Centre on the Ho Sin Hang Campus is currently providing the CoronaVac (克爾來福) vaccine for the University community. Bookings can be made by calling 3411-2011.

An outreach vaccination service offered by the Government has been scheduled on 30 June 2021 and 23 July 2021 on the Kowloon Tong Campus. The minimum number of participants is 150 for such a service to be provided. If you wish to receive the BioNTech (復必泰) vaccine through this outreach vaccination service, please register through this [link](#) on or before **10 June 2021**.

You are encouraged to speak to your doctor about your suitability before you get vaccinated. If you have any questions in regard to the vaccination, please refer to [COVID-19 Vaccination Programme](#) for further details. You may contact the EHS Section of the Estates Office on 3411-7997 or email ehsu@hkbu.edu.hk if you have any questions on the vaccination outreach programme.

The University will closely monitor the pandemic situation to ensure a COVID-safe campus. We will inform you promptly if any of the above arrangements need to be

adjusted due to the changing COVID situation. Meanwhile, wish you all a fruitful and enjoyable summer.

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