

## Mixed-mode classes for the Spring Term 2020-21

Friday, Feb 19, 2021, 17:45PM

Dear Members of the University community,

Kung Hei Fat Choi! I hope the Spring term has begun well for you.

As the fourth wave of the pandemic seems to finally be easing, classes that satisfy certain criteria will be held in mixed-mode from March 1, while observing the social distancing measures and other relevant guidelines. These criteria are the same as in Fall, namely:

- a. All classes with enrolments greater than 75 will only be held in real-time online mode.
- b. All Language classes will only be held in real-time online mode.
- c. Some UG classes/sections may remain online in the interest of educational quality, e.g., due to the nature of class interactions, group work, etc., with the approval of the relevant Department/Division Head and Dean/DIPO. Students should contact the relevant instructors for inquiries about specific courses.
- d. Lab classes will make their own arrangements.
- e. TPg programs may make their own arrangements.

For more details, please refer to <https://covid19info.ust.hk/teaching-arrangement-spring-term-202021>

Please note again that the mixed-mode arrangements are for selected classes and are auxiliary to the real-time online mode. These arrangements will not disadvantage students who are physically outside Hong Kong or feel uncomfortable in coming to campus. Students, regardless of local or non-local, are not required to be physically on campus to complete the class and examination arrangements. If you are not in Hong Kong, please do not make travel plans just because of the optional mixed-mode arrangements. Opportunities for on-campus interactions and mixed-mode delivery in classes will depend on the pandemic situation and restrictions may need to be reimposed at any time.

The easing of the fourth wave offers us all the welcome opportunity to meet friends and relax at last. We all certainly need to reach out to our friends, but please do remember that as the population density on campus increases, we must all be vigilant in observing the relevant preventive measures while using on-campus facilities such as classrooms, laboratories, Library, and other spaces. Please also remember to observe the current restrictions at on-campus catering services. More details are provided at <https://covid19info.ust.hk/campus-facilities>.

All the very best for the rest of the Spring term and the Year of the Ox. Take care!

Best,

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**Enquiries:**

Student records, registration, examinations and graduation:

ARO <https://arr.ust.hk/reg/index.html>

Specific programs and courses including laboratory courses:

Respective Schools/Departments and Program Directors

Student Housing: SHRLO [shrloinfo@ust.hk](mailto:shrloinfo@ust.hk)

<https://covid19info.ust.hk/faq-student-housing>

Quarantine Arrangements: <https://covid19info.ust.hk/quarantine-arrangements>

Campus Health and Safety: HSEO [safety@ust.hk](mailto:safety@ust.hk)

Counseling and Wellness Center, DSTO: <https://counsel.ust.hk/>