

## Work and Class Arrangements Starting from Monday 24 January 2022

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Dear Members of the University,

In view of the local pandemic situation and the high transmissibility of the Omicron variant, and in response to Government's appeal to minimize gathering for work and for leisure, University management has decided that:

- Beginning from **Monday, 24 January 2022**, and up to the Chinese New Year holidays, staff will work from home, except for those who need to maintain essential campus operations, such as security, safety and essential maintenance.
- Unit heads should use discretion to make special arrangements where necessary.
- Winter courses and examinations will all switch to online mode unless instructed otherwise by the course instructors.
- During the Add-Drop period of the Spring semester, the default mode of delivery for all classes will be real-time online. Lab classes and TPg programs may make their own arrangements. We are closely monitoring the development of the pandemic, and will further communicate if there are changes to Spring semester arrangements.
- Catering outlets will continue to operate per relevant government policy, and more information about the arrangements during the CNY holidays will be announced later.

We appeal to all members to stay vigilant during this critical time. If any member experiences difficulty and needs special assistance, please contact your department on academic matters and email [safety@ust.hk](mailto:safety@ust.hk) on issues related to health and safety on campus.

Take care and stay healthy!

Best regards,

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