

Academic Arrangements for the Fall Term 2022-23

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Dear Members of the University,

Noting that the epidemic situation is on a downward trend after the fifth wave of infections in Hong Kong, the University is on the path to return to normal activities. The purpose of this email is to inform you of the intended academic arrangements for the Fall Term 2022-23, so that you can plan accordingly.

1. **In Fall 2022-23, our targeted default mode of delivery for classes will be in-person on campus.** All the courses, including undergraduate and research postgraduate levels, will be offered in regular face-to-face (f2f) mode starting from 1 September 2022. Proctored examinations, if needed, will be held on campus.
2. TPg programs may make their own arrangements, i.e., the mode of delivery for classes can be f2f or [mixed-mode/mixed-mode lite](#).
3. **All members of the University should therefore plan to be in Hong Kong well in time for the Fall Term**, as far as possible.
 - a. If you are already in Hong Kong, please consider your travel plans carefully before leaving.
 - b. If you are not in Hong Kong, please make adequate allowances for requirements such as accommodation for quarantine upon your arrival and other exigencies.
 - c. Please note that the Hong Kong government imposes quarantine, COVID-19 vaccination, and testing requirements for inbound travelers based on different countries/regions. The University **WILL NOT BE** able to provide any quarantine support on campus.
4. Exceptionally, some courses/sections would be offered in [blended](#), real-time online mode or [mixed-mode](#). This will be decided purely based on pedagogical grounds, with inputs from instructors and Department/Division Heads, following the relevant approval process. The information will be posted in the course description prior to the course registration period.
5. Previously, the University considered and approved some undergraduate students who faced restrictions that prevented them from traveling to Hong Kong to obtain the “**Not In Hong Kong (NIHK)**” status so that they could study remotely. However, this arrangement will no longer be provided in Fall 2022-23 as global travel is gradually resumed.
6. **Safety is paramount.** Any plan will need to follow the Hong Kong government’s regulations and guidelines in force at the time, as well as any measures reasonably necessary to protect the University community. Based on past experience, we all know that the situation can change in a short period of time. As always, opportunities for on-campus interactions will depend on the situation. In case of change of Hong Kong government’s guidelines, or if the circumstances require, we will take appropriate acts accordingly.

7. **Assess to campus**, under the Government’s “vaccine pass” requirement, members and residents (aged 12 or above) in general are required to have received 3 doses of COVID vaccine by 31 May 2022. The University’s Vaccination and Testing Reporting System (VTRS) will soon be updated to include input of the 3rd vaccine dose. More details will follow. Members are reminded to present a valid University Campus Access Pass (CAP) at the gates for accessing campus.

Take care, stay safe, and all the very best for the summer. We look forward to seeing you on campus in the Fall Term.

With warm regards,

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