

## Welcome to the new academic year 2022-23

Thursday, September 1, 2022, 9:24AM

To: All Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students

Cc: All Staff

Dear Students,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you at the beginning of this academic year. As stated in [our email before](#), the University will resume regular face-to-face (f2f) teaching for all undergraduate and research postgraduate programs this term. We are excited to see you all in person at our beautiful Clear Water Bay campus! To ensure a safe environment for your studies, we would like to draw your attention to the following points:

### Preventive measures on campus

Please observe the [latest preventive measures on campus](#) and practice good hygiene at all times. All precautionary measures should be seriously taken when student activities are organised (e.g., all participants should be masked on, meal gatherings should be avoided, etc.). You are also strongly advised to maintain social distance and minimise gatherings, including sharing meals, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in our community.

### RVC recordings for students unable to attend classes due to quarantining

If you are unable to attend classes in person due to quarantining (e.g., after testing positive or being [classified as close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case by the Centre for Health Protection \(CHP\)](#)), please contact your course instructors and provide the government-issued quarantine order for the RVC recordings and/or alternative arrangements for your short-term absences from class.

### Contingency plan for class arrangements

- If an instructor holding f2f classes tests positive or is classified as close contact by the CHP, then classes in the following week will either be online or alternative arrangements (e.g., make up classes, etc.) will be made.
- If a student tests positive, he/she should not return to campus and should report the case to the government and comply with the isolation requirements as stipulated by the government. There will be no change in the class arrangements of the f2f class(es) he/she had attended given the low risk of attending class while wearing a mask.
- If a student attending a f2f class is classified as close contact by the CHP, he/she should comply with the quarantine requirements stipulated by the government. There will be no change in the class arrangement.

Please refer to [Positive Cases and Close Contacts | COVID-19 Info@HKUST](#) for further details on testing and reporting.

As the world continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, HKUST has been very successful in adapting to the new normal and remains dedicated to providing the best

learning experiences for our students. We will stay vigilant, continue to closely monitor the pandemic situation in Hong Kong, and adapt our measures accordingly.

We wish you all a fruitful new academic year! Take care and stay healthy.

Best regards,

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