

Teaching Arrangements for Summer Term 2019/20 and Fall Term 2020/21

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Dear Students,

The University has been actively planning strategies to start our Summer Term 2019/20 and Fall Term 2020/21. As the Education Bureau is resuming the normal operation of K–12 schools progressively, the University is similarly planning to bring the teaching arrangements at HKUST steadily back to normal, but with preparations for contingency if situation changes in future.

Summer Term 2019/20 (June 22 – August 15, 2020)

All courses in the Summer Term will continue to be conducted using live online mode. However, some laboratory courses will be conducted on campus with reduced class sizes. With approval from the relevant School, PG courses will be conducted either in live online mode or mixed mode (that simultaneously supports both face-to-face classroom delivery for students on-campus and live interactive online delivery for students off-campus). Please check with your program offices as it may differ across programs.

Fall Term 2020/21 – Weeks 1-2 (September 7 – 20, 2020)

The University has decided to conduct all classes using live online mode for the **first two weeks during the add/drop period**. These two weeks will help HKUST members, especially our new students, be prepared in case the situation changes rapidly and we all need to switch to online classes (e.g. if another wave of pandemic breaks out). This period will also serve as buffer time for students who may not be able to attend classes physically due to various reasons, including quarantine, delay in visa, and travel arrangements. Furthermore, it will enable students to sample different courses during the add/drop period.

Fall Term 2020/21 – Week 3 onwards (September 21, 2020 onwards)

Starting Week 3, i.e. September 21, 2020, all classes are expected to resume their normal teaching arrangements based on the course design. In light of the fast-developing nature of the pandemic, the University will proactively review how the situation evolves and will adjust the teaching arrangements when necessary.

Any departure from the delivery mode of teaching as set out above will be subject to approval by the relevant School.

Health and Safety Measures

All members on campus should observe the University Hygiene Measures as deliberated by HSEO. For example, all students and teaching staff are required to wear masks and have their temperature taken at various checkpoints on campus before entering classrooms. In addition, antimicrobial coating (e.g. Germagic coating) will be applied regularly in all classrooms to prevent the spread of germs and virus when using shared facilities.

The arrangements of the student housing and quarantine will be announced by Dean of Students' Office separately soon.

The University is facing an immensely challenging situation. Uncertain as the situation might be, the above sets out our current plans which we hope will facilitate students to make arrangements for the

Summer and Fall Terms. The University will closely monitor any updates of the policies and guidelines imposed by the HKSAR Government as the situation unfolds, and will adjust the arrangements accordingly. Students will be informed immediately if there are any changes to the class arrangements.

With examinations finishing soon and summer literally around the corner, we wish everyone a fruitful break!

Warm regards,

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