

VPTL's Email for Teaching Arrangements for Semester 2, 2020/21
5 January 2021

Dear colleagues and students,

Teaching Arrangements for Semester 2, 2020/21

My warmest greetings to you all at the beginning of 2021!

Given the present COVID-19 situation in Hong Kong, the University will continue to adopt mixed-mode teaching (i.e. face-to-face teaching synchronously with online teaching) for Semester 2, 2020/21 classes during the course add/drop period from 11 January to 23 January 2021.

Departments and instructors are in the best position to judge what mode of class delivery and assessment arrangement will lead to the best student learning outcomes taking into consideration the subject matter, pedagogical and assessment methods, health concerns and possible extenuating circumstances in their class. Therefore, department/instructors will inform students in advance if there will be any adjustments to the teaching mode of their course(s) after the course add/drop period. There will also be a need for certain courses or parts of courses (e.g., lab, studio) to be conducted face-to-face on campus.

Students who are now outside Hong Kong need not rush back. They should consider their personal situation and the pandemic status and decide their travel plan. For these students and those who cannot return to the campus to attend face-to-face classes for any special reasons, they should communicate with their department/instructors who will then make arrangements to enable them to complete their course requirements in practicable ways. Research postgraduate students should confirm the arrangements with their Principal Supervisor.

To enhance students' learning, course materials will be made available online.

Students will be informed of the assessment arrangements by their department/ course instructors in due course. The updated arrangements will also be placed on Moodle for students' information.

Please strictly observe the University's safety measures (Appendix) when you are on campus. The University will strive its best to minimize the impact caused to students' learning by COVID-19 while keeping your safety as the top concern. We will monitor the pandemic situation closely and make changes to the above arrangements if needed.

Please stay healthy and take care of yourself and your family.

I wish you a fruitful semester ahead!

Albert Chau
Vice-President (Teaching and Learning)
5 January 2021

Appendix

Safety Measures

- a. Social distance of 1.5m shall be maintained at all times. Mask must also be worn at all times.
- b. There must be no eating or drinking except water inside classrooms.
- c. Body temperature will be checked at campus entrances, as well as at facilities entrances, wherever possible.
- d. Opening time of the facility for the practical-/lab-/studio-based teaching will be divided into sessions lasting not longer than half a day. All students **MUST** leave the facility at the end of each session. Disinfection of tabletops, chairs and equipment such as computers will be carried out by staff after each session.
- e. Students using labs/studios for individual and group work must sign in and sign out at the register provided by the department, and observe all the safety rules.

The above safety measures will be further updated depending on the COVID-19 situation in Hong Kong. Please contact the Environmental Health and Safety Unit of the Estates Office at the 24-hour hotline 34117997 if you have any question.