

22 June 2021

Dear students and colleagues,

Arrangements for the Commencement of the New Academic Year 2021/22

On behalf of the University, Vice-President (Academic and Research) and Vice-President (Organisational Development) would like to update you on the following arrangements concerning the commencement of the new Academic Year 2021/22.

<u>Teaching and Examination Arrangements for Undergraduate Programmes</u>

- 1. In view of the latest improving situation of COVID-19, all classes and examinations will resume normal face-to-face on campus. Teachers will conduct face-to-face classes in the scheduled classrooms according to the assigned timetables. No live broadcast will be available.
- 2. To provide learning support to students who cannot come to campus on time due to visa and/or compulsory quarantine requirements, all classes will be recorded by the respective module teachers during the first month of Semester 1 (i.e. from 8 September to 7 October 2021). Students have to seek prior approval by applying for Leave of Absence (REG Form 02) of extended leave for 5 consecutive days or more. Only pre-approved students with justifications will be provided with such recorded classes by individual module teachers. The University will review and extend the practice if necessary.
- 3. The University will stay vigilant to the pandemic situation and if it worsens, classes may be supplemented with live broadcast or conducted solely online and examinations may be held in other formats. Students are advised to stay alert from time to time to the University announcements via email and eCampus.
- 4. Students should also take note that there may be modules with practice elements that require on-campus classes regardless of the University-wide teaching mode adopted. Remarks of such will be made on the respective modules in the Module Planner.

Taught Postgraduate Programmes

5. This update is only applicable to undergraduate programmes. Teaching and examination arrangements for TPG programmes will be announced by respective Programme Offices, Departments or Schools.

Campus Hygiene and Precautionary Measures

- 6. Please refer to the <u>University's announcements on COVID 19</u> for latest updates and the <u>Policy Guidelines for Handling COVID-19 Cases</u> at HSUHK from CDMO.
- 7. All staff, students, residents and eligible personnel are required to complete a one-time online health declaration prior to their first campus entry in the beginning of the teaching period of the new Semester (i.e. before 8 September 2021; for RC residents, before check-in date on 7 September 2021). The updated Health Declaration Form (to be available on 1 August 2021) will include a section to indicate and upload any of the following:
- Proof of a negative test result for COVID-19 or
- Proof of completing a vaccination course (i.e. completing two jabs) against COVID-19 or
- · Reason for not being able to provide either of the above.

All information submitted via the Health Declaration will be handled in strict confidence and according to University data handling guidelines.

- 8. Residents of Residential Colleges (RCs) will be requested to provide a negative test result or a full vaccination proof prior to move-in. For details, please refer to RCU announcements to be sent to all residents soon.
- 9. In response to recent enquiries concerning the potential availability of COVID-19 vaccination services on campus to provide convenience for students and colleagues as we approach the new Semester of 2021/22, the University may consider inviting outreach vaccination services to come to campus if there is sufficient interest from among students, colleagues and residents. To estimate if interest from the campus community to this free service will reach the minimum required for outreach vaccination services, CDMO will send a survey to all staff and students shortly to understand if there is enough interest.
- 10. The campus community is reminded to maintain responsible personal hygiene and health practices to help safeguard personal and public health. If you are not vaccinated, you are also encouraged to take the COVID-19 tests regularly during the semester.

The University will continue to monitor the latest situation of the pandemic and make appropriate changes and announcements in a timely manner.

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