

Update on Academic Arrangements for the Spring Term

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Dear students, faculty and staff,

Further to the announcement on the Academic Arrangements for the Spring Term issued on January 30, 2020, we received feedback from some students. Taking into consideration various concerns and the new developments in the past two days including announcements from the HKSAR Government, we would like to make the following clarification:

1. **All classes will start on February 19, 2020** using live interactive on-line mode on the scheduled timetable (please refer to the [Academic Calendar](#)).
2. **All classes will be switched to mixed mode as soon as situation allows**, making reference to the class resumption date of K-12 education announced by the Education Bureau, which is currently March 2, 2020. In the mixed mode delivery, classes will be conducted face-to-face in the scheduled classrooms and class time, with students off-campus or under quarantine joining simultaneously via live interactive platform.
3. **Examination of the remaining courses from the Fall term will be conducted on February 17, 18, 20, and 22, 2020 as previously announced.** Instructors of respective courses will inform students of detailed examination arrangements before the end of next week. Either proctored online examination or alternative assessment will be conducted on the scheduled timeslots. Similar arrangements will be used for examination/assessment in the Spring term as well. **Students therefore will not be required to be on campus for the rest of the Spring term.** Based on the experience gained in the Fall term, multiple proper measures will be stepped up to deter cheating and uphold academic integrity.
4. The above arrangements will ensure that **the University will resume face-to-face classes when situation allows, while students physically not on campus will still be able to complete all academic activities in the Spring term, including classes and examination.** For hall return or Spring term hall fee refund, please contact Student Housing and Residential Life Office (SHRLO).
5. **Teaching and learning is the top priority for faculty and students.** On-line training or tutorials on the use of Zoom will be launched for faculty, Teaching Assistants, relevant non-academic staff and students next week. Center for Education Innovation (CEI) will make announcements on the arrangements very soon. Additional Teaching Assistants will be deployed in the first few weeks to support the course instructors when mixed mode of teaching is implemented.

The issues related to the Novel Coronavirus epidemic are complicated, fast-changing and unpredictable. Amidst the challenges, the University is committed to the core academic mission of providing quality education while safeguarding the health and safety of our community. We will work with all of you in tackling the challenges in this tough time.

Warm regards,

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