

## **Classes Start on 19 Feb via Live Interactive Online Mode**

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To: All UG and PG Students

Cc: All Staff

Dear Students,

After the two weeks' delay due to COVID-19, Spring Term will start next Monday February 17, and classes will start on February 19.

### **Getting Ready for Online Courses**

To help you get oriented, we have prepared a [video](#) (use [this link](#) if you are in Mainland) which shows you how to get an HKUST Zoom account and how to join the live interactive online classes. Using Zoom as the platform, students can raise hands to ask questions and do project presentations to the whole class while instructors can conduct polls to get instant student feedback and run breakout discussion groups without the need for students to move physically.

### **Calling for your Collaboration and Understanding**

Although the University and Hong Kong, are facing unprecedented challenges, we have been working hard to provide a quality educational and learning experience for our students. Whilst the Zoom platform provides many interactive features to support live interactive online classes, faculty members and students may need time to get themselves fully familiar with the platform, in order to take full advantage of it. We are excited to embrace the educational and collaborative process of this contemporary pedagogic approach — truly living up to our can-do spirit. We thank you for your understanding and appreciation of the unexpected context in which we undertake this journey together.

### **FAQs on Academic Arrangements**

The University has received some common inquiries recently and has compiled a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) on academic arrangements](#) for your reference.

### **For those with Examinations Next Week**

Some Fall Term courses will conduct examinations online next week. Multiple additional measures have been put in place to guard against any violation of academic integrity, which is fundamental to our standards and something we take with the upmost seriousness.

Finally, I would like to wish good luck and success to all those undertaking examinations.

Myself and all other faculty are looking forward to seeing you online during this Spring Term and we wish you good health and spirits during these difficult times.

Best,

Roger Cheng  
Associate Provost (Teaching & Learning)