



PROVOST'S MESSAGE



Dear Students,

The evolving COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the world significantly. We understand the increasing stress and anxiety that this has created for you. We have been actively listening to your views and observations, and appreciate that there are a number of common issues of concern in our community.

We would like to announce three key changes for this semester:

1. All classes from Monday, 30 March 2020 onwards will be conducted online. Your instructors will inform you in advance if your class will be synchronous or asynchronous.
2. All examinations will be conducted online. Alternatively, you may be given assessments to complete in place of examinations. There will be no exams held on campus. You will receive more details and specific instructions in due course.
3. You will be offered the opportunity to decide whether you wish to take the grades for some or all of the courses you took this semester or turn them into Pass/Fail. This is subject to a minimum of 21 graded credits required for graduation, as per current policy. You will exercise the choice of graded or Pass/Fail after the results are released to you. Further instructions will be provided in due course.

For programmes with professional accreditation and certification, we are liaising with the relevant professional bodies to navigate the impact of these measures. We are mindful that the measures should not dilute the professional standing of our students as this would have knock-on effects in employability. Associate Deans in each School will follow up in due course to clarify and provide advice on the implications.

With these changes, we hope to alleviate your concerns and that you will be able to focus better on your studies and make the best use of your learning opportunities.

Kindest regards,

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