



MESSAGE FROM VICE PROVOST (UNDERGRADUATE MATTERS)



Dear Students

I hope the first week of the term went well. To the freshmen, welcome to the SMU family and we look forward to creating an exciting journey with you.

Day Pass Entry Registration System

Last week, I shared with you the Day Pass Entry Registration System. With this system, we are now able to afford a greater level of flexibility to students in terms of campus access outside of physical lessons. The registration system is available on OASIS ([link](#); also available on OASIS landing page). Students who successfully register for day passes may gain access to campus facilities by showing the landing page on OASIS and their SMU student card at the entry points of buildings (i.e. turnstile points). In summary:

- If you are visiting campus during the weeks your cohort (odd/even Campus ID) is designated with campus access, you may tap into buildings using your student pass;
- If you are visiting campus during the weeks your cohort is not designated with campus access, you may enter campus buildings by registering for a day pass, then showing the day pass system page and your student pass at the turnstile entries for the security staff to verify your identity.

After reviewing the usage rates of the day passes over the past week, we will raise the weekly limit to 3 passes per week. Starting tomorrow (Monday 24 August), each student may register for up to 3 passes per week during the weeks they are not designated to be back on campus.

Please note that the cohorting plan continues to be in effect for mixed mode lessons. The day pass system is not meant for students to attend physical classes on campus. Attendance at on-campus lessons should still be based on the odd/even cohorting plan. This is an important safety measure which takes into account the size of our instructional venues as well as the duration students are gathered within these venues.

Facilitating your online learning

Over the past two weeks, the Library Peer Advisors at the SMU Libraries conducted workshops on effective online learning strategies and familiarisation of online learning tools that your instructors might use. I hope you found these useful.

As the university continues to navigate through the repercussions of this pandemic, I would like to assure you that your instructors have taken your course feedback very seriously and are working tirelessly in ensuring that you will continue to receive a high-quality online learning experience.

Recognising your feedback that there can be more interactivity during online lessons, many instructors have moved to using Zoom this term, which will allow for group discussions in virtual breakout rooms. A [Zoom Student Quick Guide](#) has been developed and is attached for your reference. Please feel free to reach out to the IITS eLearn team or CTE if you have any queries. Their email addresses are provided at the end of this email.

I wish you the best for the term.

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