



MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE PROVOST (UG EDUCATION)



Dear Students,

A Happy New Year to all of you. I hope you had a restful term break with family and friends, and for the international students returning to Singapore, a warm welcome back.

As noted in my earlier communication, classes will be conducted face-to-face on campus this coming semester. However, because the safe management measures imposed by the Singapore government continue to be in force, enrolment in some sections exceed the safe capacities of our classrooms. In light of that, these sections will continue with face-to-face instruction, but with a few students attending each class remotely. Remote attendance will be rostered such that every student will generally attend classes remotely the same number of times for a given course. If a course you are enrolled in requires such an arrangement, your instructor will be in touch with you about the roster. Note that students will not be allowed to take classes entirely remotely online and all exams will be conducted on campus.

To give instructors some time to plan the roster, they have been given the option of conducting the first two weeks of classes online. You will be informed by your instructor if he/she decides to do that, so please do look out for emails from your instructors and check eLearn for announcements.

If you need a quiet space to attend a class remotely, note that in addition to booking study spaces on campus for this purpose, you may also head to Learning Lab 2 at Li Ka Shing Library or Learning Lab 3 at Kwa Geok Choo Law Library, which have been designated as spaces reserved exclusively for that purpose.

As with last term, all CCAs will continue to proceed to the full extent permissible within MOE's guidelines. Please consult your staff managers if you have queries about your CCA.

It should be noted that more than 90% of SMU students are vaccinated. For the minority who are not vaccinated despite being medically eligible, you are strongly advised to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Finally, we understand that the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority has been issuing entry approvals to students. With the semester starting shortly, many international students have already entered Singapore or are arriving this week. I would like to, once again, remind students who cannot be in Singapore at any point during the semester to apply for Leave of Absence.

We look forward to having you back to a more vibrant campus this semester.

Kindest regards,

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