

27 February 2021

Dear All academic staff and all UG/TPG students,

Important Updates on Teaching, Learning and Final Examinations for Semester 2, 2020/21

Further to the announcement on 4 February 2021, on behalf of the University, the Registry would like to update you the following arrangements concerning Semester 2, 2020/21:

Teaching and Learning Activities

- 1. In view of the more stable COVID-19 situation and following the gradual resumption of face-to-face class in the education sector, the University has decided to <u>resume face-to-face on-campus teaching</u> (<u>supplemented with live broadcast</u>) on Monday, 15 March 2021.
- 2. Teachers will conduct face-to-face on-campus classes in their scheduled classrooms and students may attend physically on-campus or online.
- 3. Owing to the nature of some modules, individual Schools (if deemed necessary) may require face-to-face on-campus attendance of students for some of the modules/classes. Information will be dispatched to students by the module teacher(s) concerned next week.
- 4. This announcement also serves as a 2-week advance notice for students residing outside Hong Kong who may need to return for any required quarantine before attending face-to-face on-campus classes.

Final Examinations

- 5. Although the final examinations were planned to be held on-campus during the examination period from 30 April to 15 May 2021 with social distancing and precautionary measures as far as practicable, securing a smooth examination to be completed on time for all modules (and no delay on graduation of final year students) has been a major concern to many staff and students of the University.
- 6. With reference to CHP's recent policies/guidelines in handling COVID-19 cases, the on-campus examinations to be held in early May are subject to cancellation/postponement if any examination venues were visited by a close contact/preliminary tested positive/confirmed case of staff/student before, during or after any examination sessions.
- 7. To reduce the examination cancellation/postponement risks and to have more flexibility for modules with final examination, teachers are invited to <u>revisit the mode of examination</u> (further to the collection of final examination information via the Examination Scheduling System on 19 Feb 2021) and choose either (A) on-campus proctored written examinations, or (B) open-book, take-home

<u>examinations</u> for this semester. <u>Teachers are encouraged to adopt option (B)</u> unless on-campus examination is deemed necessary due to the special nature of the module or requirement of professional bodies etc. Those who chose option (A) are expected to observe closely the special precautionary and contingency measures for on-campus final examinations to be advised by VPODO and Registry in due course.

- 8. Module teachers please submit their choice (via a form to be provided by the Registry) to their respective Department Head for endorsement (if applicable) and School Dean for approval and have the form reached the Registry by **Tuesday**, **9 March 2021**. Students will be informed of the arrangement by the respective module teachers/coordinators as soon as School approval is obtained.
- 9. The examination timetables for modules with on-campus and/or take-home examinations will be released to students in early April after collating the complete information for scheduling of the examinations.

Taught Postgraduate Programmes

10. This update is only applicable to undergraduate programmes. Teaching and examination arrangements for TPG programmes will be announced by respective Programme Offices, Departments or Schools.

<u>Campus Hygiene and Precautionary Measures</u>

11. Please refer to the <u>University's announcements on COVID 19</u> for separate updates and Policy Guidelines for Handling COVID-19 Cases at HSUHK from CDMO.

The University will continue to monitor the latest situation of the pandemic and make appropriate changes and announcements in a timely manner. Thank you for your attention!

Best regards, The Registry