

Further Update on Learning, Teaching and Assessment Arrangements for Semester Two, 2021/22 (11 February 2022)

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Dear Students

In view of the deteriorating epidemic situation in Hong Kong, the University has decided on the Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LTA) Arrangements for the remainder of Semester Two, 2021/22 as summarised below:

(A) Learning and Teaching Arrangements

General learning and teaching activities

Until the end of Semester Two, all general learning and teaching activities, e.g. lectures, tutorials, etc., will be conducted via the **online mode only**, using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, MS Teams, or Zoom as appropriate. All lectures, seminars and tutorials will be video-taped and uploaded to the Learning Management System (LMS) for students' reference and revision.

Essential learning and teaching activities

Arrangements for essential learning and teaching activities, such as practicums, clinical skills training, laboratory and studio sessions as deemed mandatory by Faculties/Departments, will be decided by subject offering departments in achieving the intended learning outcomes. They may conduct these essential activities online, switch to small groups with appropriate social distancing and protection measures, offer make-up sessions or defer these activities. Subject offering departments will advise students of the arrangements separately.

(B) Assessment Arrangements

Subjects originally planning to conduct on-campus examinations will adopt alternative assessment arrangements, such as online invigilated examinations, take-home examinations, or 100% continuous assessment. For a few subjects that require on-campus examinations due to pedagogical needs or accreditation requirements, the conduct of on-campus examinations will be deferred to the examination period of Summer Term of 2021/22. The format of end-of-semester assessment for individual subjects, e.g. online invigilated examinations and take-home examinations, will be announced **by 18 February 2022**. Subject offering departments will also advise students separately by the end of February 2022 of the assessment details, e.g. the arrangement of mock-run

with students in the case of online invigilated examinations.

We are mindful that the switch from face-to-face learning and teaching to online may have an adverse impact on some students. We urge students contemplating difficulties with their studies to contact their academic advisors and subject teachers for learning support, whether on study load, learning outcomes, assignments or assessment requirements.

We appreciate your understanding and support of the above to avoid the further spread of the coronavirus. The University will continue to monitor and assess the situation closely and will provide updates as and when necessary. Take care and stay vigilant!

If you have any questions about the above arrangements, please contact the Academic Registry [hotline: (852) 2333 0600 or email: ar.dept@polyu.edu.hk].

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