

Academic arrangements for the Fall Term 2021-22

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To: All Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students
cc: All Faculty and Teaching Staff

Dear Students,

Last Friday you would have received [a message on vaccination / regular testing](#) stating our intention to resume normal teaching and learning activities on campus in the Fall. The purpose of this follow-up message is to inform you of the intended academic arrangements, so that you can plan accordingly.

1. Throughout the challenging period of the last two years, as always, the University has strived to provide quality educational experiences. **In Fall 2021, our targeted default mode of delivery for classes will be in-person on campus.**
2. **All members of the University should therefore plan to be in Hong Kong well in time for the Fall term, as far as possible.**
 - a. If you are already in Hong Kong, please consider your travel plans carefully before leaving.
 - b. If you are not in Hong Kong, please make adequate allowances for requirements such as accommodation for quarantine upon your arrival, and other exigencies. If the situation in your region of residence does not allow you to travel to Hong Kong, please see points #4 and #5.
 - c. Please note that the Hong Kong government now imposes quarantine and COVID testing requirements based on the conditions in different countries/regions. We are therefore not able to provide any quarantine support on campus.
3. Some courses/sections would be offered in [mixed-mode](#), [blended](#), or real-time online mode. This will be decided on pedagogical grounds, with inputs from instructors and Department/Division Heads, following the relevant approval process. The information will be posted in the course description prior to the course registration period. Also, some lab classes and TPg programs may make their own arrangements.
4. We understand that some students may face restrictions that prevent them from traveling to Hong Kong. Later this summer, we will reach out to students to assess who faces such restrictions. After the add-drop period, if a class has any student(s) who cannot be physically present in Hong Kong, that class will be held in mixed-mode or [mixed-mode lite](#).
5. Proctored examinations, for courses which need them, will be held on campus. Alternative arrangements will be made for students who cannot be in Hong Kong. As before, instructors are encouraged to consider alternatives to proctored examinations.
6. If you are eligible for on-campus accommodation in the Fall, you need to observe the latest student housing arrangements, including the Hong Kong government's regulations and guidelines and the University requirements applicable at the time. Hall residents entering Hong Kong should ensure that they have completed the required compulsory quarantine and/or present relevant documents to declare their health status when checking into their assigned hall.

7. **Safety is paramount.** Any plan will need to follow the Hong Kong government's regulations and guidelines in force at the time, as well as any measures reasonably necessary to protect the University community. Based on past experience, we all know that the situation can change in a short period of time. As always, opportunities for on-campus interactions will depend on the situation. In case of change of Hong Kong government's guidelines, or if the circumstances require, we will take appropriate acts accordingly.

Thank you for your attention. Take care, stay safe, and all the very best for the summer. If you will be graduating, please accept our warmest congratulations! And if not, please make plans to be in Hong Kong in adequate time for the Fall. We look forward to having you back.

With warm regards,

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4. Quarantine Arrangements: <https://covid19info.ust.hk/quarantine-arrangements>

5. Campus Health and Safety: HSEO safety@ust.hk