[Update]
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Some of the students have been asking and worried about whether e-learning options will be available throughout the semester.

Considering that COVID-19 situation has not been improving in many parts of the world, we have decided to make e-learning options available throughout the semester for all SoC modules. This includes lectures, tutorials, labs and exams.

However, in case you are able to come to campus, we strongly encourage you to come on campus as face to face learning and interaction are a critical component of university learning.

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Dear students,

COVID-19 is still continuing in various parts of the world. Though the situation is improving in Singapore, there are still daily cases. Due to this, there will be changes to teaching in Semester 1, AY 2020-21.

This message is to give you some idea about the currently planned mode of teaching. As the situation is evolving, we may need to make changes over time. Please look out for circulars/emails for updates.

In any changes, our aim is to ensure safety for all, along with giving quality education subject to the constraints.

1. For the safety of all and to control the spread, there are restrictions placed on how many students can be in one classroom, and there is a safe distance requirement between students. Even when class enrolment is small, we need to ensure safe-distancing, which reduces the capacity of the rooms.

    Furthermore, zoning has been introduced on campus, and students are not allowed to cross zones. Due to this only some classes will be run face-to-face (F2F). Others will be run online/e-learning mode. Do note that if the situation improves over time, more classes will be run F2F.

2. NUS has been divided into 5 zones. School of Computing is in Zone C. Students have been assigned zones based on their home faculty (thus, most students from School of Computing are in Zone C). Computer Engineering (CEG) students have their zone assignments according to their year of study, and they should check the instructions from the corresponding staff members managing the CEG programme.

    Students must remain in their own zone when on campus. They are not allowed to cross zones (even for classes or meals).

3. All classes (Lectures/Tutorials/Labs/Recitations/etc.) that have > 50 students will be conducted online.

4. Classes sizes of <=50 may be either F2F or via e-learning or hybrid (i.e. mix of F2F and online). More information on which lectures/tutorials/etc. may be F2F will be informed to you over time.

5. For students who are not able to attend F2F classes due to being in different zones, having to serve Stay Home Notices, or international students who are not able to come due to reasons beyond their control (such as travel restrictions imposed by governments), e-learning options will be made available for the modules having F2F classes. This may be in the form of lecture recordings (asynchronous) or Zoom lectures (synchronous) along with reading materials etc.

    Lecturers will try to provide extra consultation sessions (over zoom or similar platforms) for students.

6. Many of our modules will have 100% CA (continual assessment). For modules that have final examinations, current plans are to conduct e-examinations. Note that these are the current plans -- if the situation improves during the course of the semester, this may change.

Safety

1. For the purposes of safety, all students need to declare their temperature twice daily (am and pm). You may use the uNivUS app for this purpose. The first declaration for the day must be done before coming to campus.

2. Students should come to campus only on days where they have F2F classes.

3. Safe distancing of 2m between students must be maintained.
    All rooms are marked to indicate where students can sit given the safe distancing requirement.

4. If you have any COVID symptoms, do not come to class, go to University Health Centre (UHC) or a qualified medical doctor.

    For those serving SHN, please go to https://www.homer.gov.sg/instructions on instructions to download homer-QO SHN on Apple App Store or Homer on Google Play Store.

5. More information on health declaration/OTD systems and NUS/MOH circulars on COVID-19 measures/advisories can be found at https://emergency.nus.edu.sg

6. You may also refer to:
    http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-activities/registration/administrative-matters ->
    Additional Measures in response to COVID-19.

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Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation during these challenging times!

Stay safe and healthy and I wish you a fruitful learning experience ahead.

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