

Arrangements for Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LTA) for Semester Two, 2021/22

Academic Registry

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Dear Students,

The University has resumed face-to-face (f2f) learning and teaching activities in Semester One, which is welcomed by students and staff members. Now that the pandemic situation has further stabilized in Hong Kong, the University has decided, supported by our vaccination and testing arrangements, that (a) general learning and teaching activities will be conducted f2f on campus in Semester Two; and (b) essential learning and teaching activities taking the form of practicums, clinical skills training, hands-on laboratory sessions, placements, trainings, studio sessions, field studies and the like will continue to be conducted f2f as in Semester One.

(A) Teaching, Learning and Assessment Arrangements

1. Full resumption of f2f learning, teaching and assessment activities

Students in Hong Kong

Students shall attend general learning and teaching activities (e.g. lectures, seminars and tutorials) in person on campus. Teaching activities will be video-recorded and uploaded to the Learning Management System (LMS) to facilitate students' learning and revision.

Students who are outside Hong Kong

If you are currently outside Hong Kong, you are required to come back to Hong Kong to continue with your studies before the start of Semester Two. In case of genuine difficulties because of travel restrictions, e.g. no flights from your home country to Hong Kong, students could apply for special approval from the head of the programme hosting department to study outside Hong Kong, with supporting documents and a list of not more than 7 subjects that students plan to register, by 15 November 2021.

Departments will endeavour to make alternative arrangements on learning and teaching activities as appropriate for this group of students who are granted special approval. If you wish to register for essential activities that require mandatory f2f participation (e.g. practicums, placement), please check if alternative arrangements could be provided before subject registration and consult your academic advisor and subject offering department if you have any questions. Students are advised

in advance not to register for subjects with these activities if arrangements to fully achieve the learning outcomes cannot be made. Students who cannot return to Hong Kong to study f2f due to other reasons (e.g. serious illness) may apply for deferment of study, but their time for graduation may be affected.

2. Advice on travel to Hong Kong

When you plan your trip back, please make advance arrangements to meet the HKSAR Government's boarding and quarantine requirements (e.g. travel and accommodation arrangements). The Non-local Student Services Team under the Student Affairs Office will be providing you support on issues which you need to know or follow when entering Hong Kong. You may contact the Team by phone: (852) 2766 5408 or by email: nls.services@polyu.edu.hk.

3. Subject registration

Subject teachers will provide LTA information about the subjects e.g., whether the subjects require essential learning and teaching activities (e.g. practicum) that require mandatory f2f participation, and the assessment arrangements to be adopted. The information will also be available from the Academic Registry (a separate email will be issued before the subject registration exercise begins). Students must attend to the subject registration information carefully, and contact the subject teachers concerned thereafter if you have any questions.

4. Assessment arrangements

In principle, continuous assessments (e.g. mid-term tests) and final examinations will be conducted on campus in Semester Two, 2021/22 following the pre-pandemic norm. And, students are required to attend these assessment activities on-campus, except for those who have obtained prior approval to study outside Hong Kong, as stipulated in point 1.

A list of Questions and Answers on LTA arrangements for Semester Two, 2021/22 (including those for Service-Learning subjects) will be posted on the Academic Registry's homepage for students' information. The list will also be updated from time to time.

Students should also take note that f2f activities may be reviewed with reference to the latest health and travel advice as issued by the HKSAR if the COVID-19 pandemic situation worsens significantly.

(B) Enquiries

If you have any questions, please contact:

LTA Arrangements

Academic Registry [hotline: (852) 2333 0600 or email: ar.dept@polyu.edu.hk]

Please also consult your academic advisor, subject teacher or programme leader if you have any problems with your studies for the coming Semester.

Medical Related Enquiries

University Health Service (UHS) via email at uhshelp@polyu.edu.hk

Technical Issues Related to COVID-19 Self-Report Portal

IT HelpCentre of the Information Technology Services Office (ITS) at 2766 5900

In-house COVID-19 PCR Test Enquiries

Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology (ABCT) via email at covid.survey@polyu.edu.hk

Please stay vigilant and well. We look forward to your continued success in your studies in Semester Two.

With best regards,

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