



1 July 2021

(Afrikaans volg hieronder)

Dear EMS undergraduate student,

We hope that this email finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

Over the past few weeks, the situation in South Africa, the Western Cape, the town of Stellenbosch and our institution has changed significantly. On the advice of the Stellenbosch University's Medical Advisory Committee (MAC), scheduled assessments have been deferred with immediate effect and the ICBC indicated that the rescheduled assessments will be online.

In extraordinary cases some exit level modules (after approval from the ICBC) will require invigilated assessments when it is safe to do so. These very rare exceptions will be communicated to you by Monday, 05 July 2021 by the relevant department. Dates for these assessments cannot be determined at this time.

Please take note of the following:

- In accordance with the ICBC communication of 27 June 2021, the rest of the A2 assessments which were not completed by Saturday, 26 June 2021 will commence online on 12 July and continue until 27 July (no assessments on Eid). Online A3 opportunities will be scheduled from 28 July to 07 August 2021.
- Students who wrote invigilated sit-down first semester assessments between 21 - 26 June 2021, will be eligible to also write the online A3 if they did not pass after A2. The marks will be determined as per the normal formula. This implies that students that passed after A2 will not be able to use A3 for mark improvements.
- Details on the availability of, and eligibility for, A4 assessments will be communicated shortly. A4 assessments, where available, will take place in mid- to late August 2021.
- We have been informed that the new assessment timetables will be published early next week at the latest. The year Calendar for the year remains unchanged at this stage, i.e. the second semester will still commence on 10 August 2021.
- We know that many of you are anxious about online assessments, especially those first-years among you that are new to this. We will provide you with some how-to videos on how to answer a SUNLearn quiz and how to create and submit a PDF for "handwritten" papers. Some of your lecturers will also be making very simple mock uploads available so that you can practise uploading. Please do make use of these as it will make your assessment experience less stressful. Please also take a look at the online learning support page for students: <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/student-affairs/cscd/Pages/Guidance-for-Student-Online-Learning.aspx>.
- As was done last year, the University will be making loan laptops available to students who need it to access the internet for online learning and assessments. For laptops, students should urgently email student@sun.ac.za. This does not apply for first-year students who were part of the EMS laptop project.

- The University will be providing data again during the assessment period. Please ensure that your personal particulars are up to date on the system.
- Lecturers are currently facilitating the move to online assessments, and we ask for your patience as we finalise arrangements. Significant effort will be required to appropriately convert closed-book “in-person” to online assessments while maintaining the necessary standards and integrity of the offering.
- A decision has been made to close the library from 01 – 09 July 2021. Library services, including consultations with faculty librarians, will continue online via email and Microsoft Teams. Read more about the services available here: <https://library.sun.ac.za/en-za/Help/Pages/covid-19.aspx>
- All counselling and academic development services are continuing. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them. Read more about the services available here: <https://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/student-affairs/cscd>.

We urge you to do your utmost to stay safe during this challenging period in our country. Please do what you can to continue to support one another by virtual means during the recess period and the upcoming A2 and A3 assessments.

Sincerely,

Prof Ingrid Woolard (Dean) and Prof Ronel du Preez (Vice-Dean: Learning and Teaching)

Beste EBW voorgraadse student,

Ons hoop jy en jou geliefdes is gesond en veilig.

Gedurende die afgelope paar weke het die situasie in Suid-Afrika, die Wes-Kaap, die dorp Stellenbosch en ons instelling beduidend verander. Ooreenkomstig die aanbeveling van die Universiteit Stellenbosch se Mediese Advieskomitee (MAK), is geskeduleerde assesserings onmiddellik opgeskort en die IKBV het aangedui dat die herskeduleerde assesserings aanlyn sal plaasvind.

In buitengewone gevalle sal sommige uitreevlakmodules (na goedkeuring van die IKBV) toesighoudende assesserings benodig indien dit veilig is. Hierdie uitsonderlike gevalle word op Maandag, 05 Julie 2021 deur die betrokke departement aan studente meegedeel. Datums vir hierdie assesserings kan nie op die oomblik bepaal word nie.

Neem asb. kennis van die volgende:

- Ooreenkomstig die IKBV-kommunikasie van 27 Junie 2021, sal die res van die A2-assesserings wat nie teen Saterdag, 26 Junie 2021 afgehandel was nie, aanlyn op 12 Julie 2021 begin en aanhou tot 27 Julie (geen assessering op Eid). Aanlyn A3-geleentheid sal geskeduleer word vir die tydperk 28 Julie tot 7 Augustus 2021.
- Studente wat eerstesemesterassesserings onder toesighouding in eksamenlokale geskryf het tussen 21 – 26 Junie 2021, sal daarop geregtig wees om ook die aanlyn A3 te skryf indien hulle nie ná A2 geslaag het nie. Die punte sal volgens die gewone formule bepaal word. Dit impliseer dat studente wat na A2 geslaag het, nie die A3 geleentheid mag gebruik vir punteverbetering nie.
- Besonderhede oor die beskikbaarheid van, en in aanmerking kom, vir die A4-assesserings sal binnekort bekend gemaak word. A4-assesserings, waar beskikbaar, vind middel tot laat Augustus 2021 plaas.
- Ons is ingelig dat die nuwe assesseringsroosters teen vroeg volgende week gepubliseer sal word. Die Kalenderjaar bly tans onveranderd, d.i. die tweede semester sal steeds op 10 Augustus 2021 begin.
- Ons weet baie van julle is bekommerd oor aanlyn assesserings, veral diegene in hul eerstejaar vir wie dit nuut is. Ons sal julle van verklarende video's voorsien oor hoe om 'n SUNLearn quiz te beantwoord en hoe om 'n PDF van 'n handgeskrewe antwoordstel te

skep en in te dien. Sommige dosente sal ook baie eenvoudige bespotting-oplaaisels beskikbaar stel, sodat jy studente kan oefen om dit op te laai. Benut asseblief hierdie geleenthede – dit sal jou ondervinding van assesserings minder spanningsvol maak. Raadpleeg asseblief ook die aanlyn bladsy oor leerondersteuning vir studente: <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/student-affairs/cscd/Pages/Guidance-for-Student-Online-Learning.aspx>.

- Soos verlede jaar sal die Universiteit weer geleende skootrekenaars beskikbaar maak aan studente wat dit nodig vir toegang tot die internet vir aanlyn leer en assesserings. Om 'n skootrekenaar te bekom, moet studente dringend 'n e-pos stuur aan student@sun.ac.za. Dié aanbod geld nie vir eerstejaars wat aan die EBW-skootrekenaarprojek deelgeneem het nie.
- Gedurende die assesseringstydperk sal die Universiteit weer eens data voorsien. Maak asseblief seker dat jou persoonlike besonderhede op datum is op die stelsel.
- Dosente fasiliteer tans die oorgang na aanlyn assesserings; dus vra ons vir jou geduld terwyl ons die reëlins finaliseer. Dit verg heelwat tyd en moeite om geslote-boek-eksamens in eksamenlokale in aanlyn assesserings te omskep en steeds die vereiste standaarde en integriteit te handhaaf.
- Daar is besluit om die biblioteek van 01 – 09 Julie 2021 te sluit. Biblioteekdienste, waaronder konsultasies met fakulteitsbibliotekaris, gaan aanlyn via e-pos en *Microsoft Teams* voort. Lees meer oor die beskikbare dienste by: <https://library.sun.ac.za/en-za/Help/Pages/covid-19.aspx>.
- Alle beradings- en akademiese ontwikkelingsdienste gaan voort. Moenie huiwer om na hierdie persone uit te reik nie. Lees meer oor die beskikbare dienste by: <https://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/student-affairs/cscd>.

Ons wil jou aanmoedig om alles in jou vermoë te doen om veilig te bly gedurende hierdie uitdagende tydperk in ons land. Doen asb. wat jy kan om aan te hou om mekaar virtueel in die reses en die komende A2- en A3-assesserings te ondersteun.

Groete,

Prof Ingrid Woolard (Dekaan) en prof Ronel du Preez (Visedekaan: Leer en Onderrig)

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