

E-MAIL TO EMS STUDENTS DATED 7 OCTOBER 2020:

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Dear EMS student

For many of us, this year has been exceptionally challenging. Each student has his/her own experience of a study and home environment, personal challenges and navigation of emergency remote teaching, all impacting on your ability to flourish and excel. I am writing to you to motivate you to keep at it, to engage in the learning opportunities offered and to make use of all the support mechanisms. I am really concerned about the feedback indicating that very few students are making use of the synchronous teaching opportunities offered. Furthermore, an overview of SUNLearn activity shows that many students have not engaged with module material. Some have not engaged with their modules for two weeks. This does not bode well for student success, which is directly correlated with student engagement. If you engage regularly with the learning opportunities, your chance of success is just so much higher. Remember the words I shared with you as a first-year Matie: *"If you do not know what you do not know, you do not know what you do not know."*

I remind you of the synchronous teaching activities, Q & A sessions and other learning opportunities offered by staff. Furthermore, the CSCD of the University offers free psychological support and study-related support. Please reach out to them if you need it. Please also keep an eye out for communication from the faculty and University – knowing what is going on will go far to alleviate the stress caused by the unknown. All the EMS student communications are on the faculty website at the following link: <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/Lists/Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1532>.

Please also uphold the values of the University in your assessments. It is not worth it to transgress the rules of the ethical declaration that you sign at the onset of an assessment. At EMS we have a no tolerance approach, and chairs of departments will refer cases of unethical behaviour to the Central Disciplinary Committee for perusal.

Your success is important to us – we want you to succeed. But, to do so you need to take responsibility for your learning. This is the last stretch of 2020 – tackle it with tenacity, GRIT and perseverance. I know you can do this!

Kind regards
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