

FACULTY-SPECIFIC E-MAIL TO EMS STUDENTS DATED 9 APRIL 2020

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Dear EMS students

We hope that you are doing well under the circumstances. The fluidity and uncertainty has a great impact during this time, nonetheless we hope that you could use the recess time to practise self-care and prepare yourselves for online learning and teaching for the remainder of Semester 1. This communication should be read together with the SU communication you received yesterday and can be found on the COVID-19 website

(<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/Lists/news/DispForm.aspx?ID=7265>).

The following information is important for your success in the remainder of the semester:

- **New Academic calendar 2020**

Semester 1:

Quarter 2: 20 April - 05 June (Please note that no summative assessments may be scheduled prior to 04 May 2020)

A2: 08 June – 26 June

A3: 27 June – 11 July (including Saturdays)

Reses: 13 – 24 July

Semester 2:

Quarter 3: 27 July – 11 September (7 weeks)

Reses: 14 – 18 September

Quarter 4: 21 September – 30 October (6 weeks)

A2: 03 – 25 November

A3: 26 November – 12 December

- **Module frameworks, assessment and prerequisite stipulations**

- All **module frameworks** will be updated on SUNLearn between **15 and 20 April 2020**. Please consult the module framework for information on assessments; online learning opportunities and lecturer availability.
- Most of your online assessments will take place within your timetable timeslots for particular modules. In some modules online assessments are scheduled on a Saturday. You will receive advance notification.
- It is expected that the **timetable for A2 and A3 will be finalised soon** and it should mirror the published A2/A3 dates (in the new timelines).

- All undergraduate teaching and assessments (including the 1st and 2nd exam opportunities) shall be online only for the remainder of Semester 1 of 2020, because we cannot assume that large group gatherings will be allowed. If invigilated assessments become a possibility, environments could continue with online assessments or schedule an invigilated assessment in the allocated timeslot.
- Should a scenario unfold that on-campus L&T and assessments are not possible in Semester 2 of 2020, the EC(S) will make further decisions.
- **Institutional: Module prerequisites; Academic HEMIS and opportunities for those that could not digitally connect**
 - All prerequisites for all modules where Semester 1 modules are normally required for admission to Semester 2 modules, are waived to allow students to continue in Semester 2.
 - All SU students who were registered in 2020 will be automatically readmitted for the 2021 academic year. **Academic HEMIS for students registered at SU in 2020 is waived for 2021.** More information to follow from SU on residence HEMIS.
 - For those students who could not digitally connect to SU's Semester 1 online learning and assessments, we plan for a rerun of Semester 1 modules in hybrid learning mode (mostly online learning of archived 1st Semester lectures and other material with limited contact sessions as far as practicable) in the second half of 2020 and an exam opportunity in January 2021 for 2020 Semester 1 modules. More details to follow.
 - Students who have not responded to the survey should urgently contact the SU Client Services at info@sun.ac.za or 021 808-9111 to be considered for learning technology assistance.

We wish you all the best for your online learning journey. Please make use of all the support offered (refer to the COVID-19 website) and be safe.

Kind regards
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