

FACULTY-SPECIFIC E-MAIL TO EMS STUDENTS DATED 5 JUNE 2020:



Dear EMS Students

Further to my e-mail of Wednesday, 3 June, I would like to provide an **update after the Senate meeting this afternoon:**

1. **A2 & A3 ASSESSMENTS:**

- Please **read the instructions carefully** and adhere to ethical behaviour. If students are implicated, EMS will follow the **disciplinary code** of the University.
- Extra time: All extra time students must be allowed their allotted **extra time for assessments**.

2. **SENATE DECISIONS 5 JUNE 2020: UPLOAD TIME; QUIZZ TIME; SECOND SEMESTER TEACHING AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: **Note the changes from the e-mail of 3 June.****

- An additional thirty-minute **submission time** will be available after an assessment's writing time has expired, ear-marked for uploading the assignment-type questions consisting of multiple pages irrespective of subjecting it to Turnitin.

The answering of short questions of the essay-type in a quiz, where students have a choice to either type the answer on a keyboard/MathType or to upload a hand-written version of that short question, no extra submission time is required for the quiz. This is subject to allowing students sufficient time in the quiz for either the typing of the short answer or the uploading of the short answer. The moderation of the quiz should give adequate attention to ensuring that the writing time allocation for the quiz (with no additional submission time) is fair when answering a quiz consisting of a variety of question types.

- For modules which the University has decided to invite back the students, the default mode of presentation shall be face to face. If the lecturer is prepared to record lectures (separately or during a face-to-face in-class lecture) (s)he may provide these online to those students who cannot attend face-to-face lectures.
- That while SA Government regulations under COVID-19 may permit return of certain categories of students for face-to-face in-class lecturing, severe restrictions on physical distancing and maximum allowable venue occupation, the availability of teaching venues on the week roster, as well as limited capacity of lecturers to repeat lectures to multiple subdivided class groups, may necessitate fully online teaching only.

- That while SA Government regulations restrict travel of international students under COVID-19 to SU campuses, Departments may continue face-to-face academic offerings to those South African students who are permitted to attend on-campus academic activities. Academic Departments may pursue online learning offerings for international students who cannot attend, or otherwise arrange for extensions to produce their academic outputs.

3. **CLASHES A2/A3 IN SEMESTER 1:** Please inform your lecturer ASAP - at least 3 days before the assessment.

For clashes due to repeating subjects “herhalers” and module combinations not allowed in the calendar:

- For clashes in the A2 period, no accommodation is made, and a student must choose which module s/he will do in the A2 period and in the A3 period.
- For clashes in the A3 period, the lecturers of the two modules that clash, will provide the student the opportunity to write the assessments online in a back-to-back manner.

For clashes that did not previously exist on the 2020 timetable before shrinkage and for modules that are legitimate combinations (as per the calendar) but now clash due to the shrinkage of the timetable:

- Lecturers accommodate students to write back-to-back in A2 and A3

4. **ASSESSMENT REGULATION CHANGES AND UPLOADING OF MARKS:** As previously communicated, the faculty amended the assessment regulation in the light of Covid-19. <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/economy/Pages/default.aspx>. One of the major changes are that lecturers will use the **BEST of A2 or A3** to determine your final mark for a particular semester module. This will have implications for how marks are uploaded. **I will send a revised document of how you can access your marks – we are awaiting approvals from the University.**

I wish you well for the upcoming assessments. Study hard and stay healthy and safe.

Kind regards
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