

E-mail dated 12 August 2020 to undergraduate EMS students:



Dear Undergraduate EMS student

Welcome back to the second semester that is already in full swing! I hope that the start of the semester went well and that you enjoyed the break.

SECOND SEMESTER MODULES: During the past weeks you would have had the opportunity to virtually E-meet all your lecturers and be introduced to the content of your second semester modules. I hope that this makes you excited for the teaching and learning journey ahead. In the second semester we will be working to increase our synchronous learning opportunities to create a more interactive and “personal” learning environment. Please look out for opportunities to participate in these sessions. I attach a document that will provide clarity on the data requirements to do so. [[Attached: Data usage synchronous](#)].

LANGUAGE USE DURING EMERGENCY REMOTE TEACHING: As already decided, any additional material developed by lecturers to assist with emergency remote teaching can only be available in English given the constraints of time and human resources. Students should please make use of additional learning opportunities to pose questions where perhaps they do not understand fully and lecturers will gladly assist in Afrikaans or English.

STUDENT SUPPORT: We acknowledge that learning could be much harder in an environment without face to face teaching and distance from other learners. In pre-Covid, we learned together, we lived together and we socialised together. The current teaching and learning environment really asks a lot of dedication, self-discipline and self-directed learning. Please visit <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/online-teaching-support-students> and <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/student-affairs/cscd/Pages/Guidance-for-Student-Online-Learning.aspx> for tips on online learning; trouble shooting and how to contain online costs. These guides were developed by experts – let us learn from them! If you are in need of psychological supportus@sun.ac.za or academic studysuccess@sun.ac.za support, please contact the CSCD. [[Attached: CSCD](#)]

A4 ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY: You will remember that Senate in principle approved A4 opportunities for Semester 1 and Year modules. Faculties had the opportunity to develop an implementation plan for A4. I attach the EMS document here and it is also uploaded on the EMS website [[Attached: EMS Implementation for A4](#)].

MODULE-MENTOR SUPPORT GROUPS: First years are again invited to join a module-mentor group on SUNLearn for academic assistance with the following first year modules: Financial Accounting 178/188; Statistics 186 and Statistical methods 176; Business Management 142; Economics 144 and

Theory of Interest 152. Senior students or mentors will be available for online assistance on both Teams and SUNLearn. For more information contact emsinfo@sun.ac.za

Please use all the opportunities offered to engage in deep learning. I wish you all the best for the second semester.

Kind regards

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