

Amendment 1.4 (22 May 2020)
 COVID-19 EMS ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION
 Semester 1 2020
 (Inclusive of 16 April 2020 and 8 April 2020)

A. Institutional decisions (EC(S)):

1. New Academic calendar 2020

Semester 1:

Quarter 2: 20 April - 5 June (Please note that no summative assessments may be scheduled prior to 4 May 2020)

A2: 8 June – 26 June

A3: 27 June – 11 July (including Saturdays)

Recess: 13 – 24 July

Semester 2:

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

Recess: 14 – 18 September

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

A2: 3 – 25 November

A3: 26 – 12 December

B. General

1. The new A2/A3 timetable is available. Please note the new starting times. For clashes the following will apply:

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

2. Please read the instructions carefully and adhere to the stipulations of the honesty declaration

3. A4 will be scheduled in Jan 2021 for all students that did not pass Semester 1 2020 modules.

More information to follow.

C. Undergraduate assessments: weights and formulas

Semester 1 modules:

Three scenarios:

1. Students that completed A1 before/on 16 March. These students have an A1 mark (and possibly FAS). They will be allowed to complete A2 **and** A3. If students choose to complete both A2 and A3, the **higher of A2/A3 will be used to determine the final mark.**

$$FM = \left(\frac{\text{weight of A1}}{w_{\text{sum}}} \times \text{A1 mark} \right) + \left(\frac{\text{weight of FAS}}{w_{\text{sum}}} \times \text{FAS mark} \right) + \left(\frac{\text{weight of A2/A3}}{w_{\text{sum}}} \times \text{higher of A2 or A3 mark} \right)$$

Note: $w_{\text{sum}} = 100$

CURRENTLY	REVISED
FAS: 0 - 30	The weights remain the same as per the original module framework, except that A3 must now have the same weight as the original weight of A2.
A1: <= 40	
A2: 40 - 60	
A3: 40 - 60	

2. Students that had the opportunity to complete A1 before/on 16 March but did not complete this assessment opportunity. These students will not have an A1 mark (as lecturers will not create FAS opportunities for these students to replace an A1 mark and they did not complete the A1 opportunity that took place). **These students will have to complete A2 and A3 to obtain a valid final mark. The weights and formula remain the same as per the original module framework.**

CURRENTLY	REVISED
FAS: 0 - 30	The weights remain the same as per the original module framework.
A1: <= 40	
A2: 40 - 60	
A3: 40 - 60	

3. Students who had A1's scheduled after 16 March. These students will get opportunities to **"make up" an A1 mark** (through various other assessments). The "made up" A1 is treated as a main assessment and students have access to A2 **and** A3. If they choose to complete both A2 and A3, the **higher of A2/A3 will be used to determine the final mark.**

$$FM = \left(\frac{\text{weight of A1}}{w_{\text{sum}}} \times \text{A1 mark} \right) + \left(\frac{\text{weight of A2/A3}}{w_{\text{sum}}} \times \text{highest of A2 or A3 mark} \right)$$

Note: $w_{\text{sum}} = 100$

CURRENTLY	REVISED
FAS: 0 - 30	Not in this scenario.
A1: < =40	A1: 30 – 40. Made up from FAS (The weight of FAS already completed will remain the same with the addition of more FAS opportunities if needed to reach the weight allocation).
A2: 40 - 60	A2: 60 – 70
A3: 40 - 60	A3: 60 – 70 : Note: A2 and A3 must have the same weight.

Commented [RDP1]: We have received queries on how to deal with a situation where A1/A1S1 is made up of two or more FAS and a student completed some of the FAS opportunities, but not all of them. The arrangement below will apply **only** in cases where each FAS consists of a single assessment opportunity that had to be completed on a specific date (such as a take-home test for which the student had three hours to download it, complete it and upload the answer to SUNLearn, or a single SUNLearn quiz that was open for only three hours on a specific date during which the student had to complete it). It does not apply where a FAS consisted of multiple assessment opportunities spread over multiple weeks – in this case the normal rules in the assessment regulation, as contained in the relevant module framework, apply.

For A1/A1S1 made up of two (or more) FAS, where at least one FAS was completed and one (or more) FAS was not completed for whatever reason:

- The mark achieved for the FAS that was completed will be maintained.
- For the FAS not completed, a percentage mark will be assigned to that FAS equal to the mark achieved for A3/A3S2. This implies that the student must write A3/A3S2, otherwise a zero mark will be awarded for all FAS that was not completed.

Commented [RDP2]: "Make up A1": A "make up A1" refers to more than one smaller assessment (typically smaller FAS opportunities and/or your original A1 divided into smaller FAS opportunities).

Commented [RDP3]: NB: If a student does not complete a component of the "made up" mark for A1, they will get a zero mark for that component. It will then decrease their overall A1 mark.

Year modules:

Three scenarios:

- Students that completed A1S1 before/on 16 March. These students have an A1S1 mark (and possibly FAS) and they will be allowed to complete A2S2 and A3S2. If students choose to complete both A2S2 and A3S2, the higher of A2S2/A3S2 both will be used to determine the final mark. The student will be awarded the determined final mark, i.e. if the final mark after A2S2 was less than 50, the final mark after A3S2 is not limited to 50.

$$FM \text{ (after A3S2)} = \left(\frac{w_1}{w_{sum}} \times A1S1\right) + \left(\frac{w_{FA}}{w_{sum}} \times FAS\right) + \left(\frac{w_2}{w_{sum}} \times A2S1\right) + \left(\frac{w_3}{w_{sum}} \times A1S2\right) + \left(\frac{w_4}{w_{sum}} \times A2S2\right) + \left(\frac{w_5}{w_{sum}} \times A3S2\right)$$

Note: w_{sum} is the sum of the weights of all completed assessments. It must be at least 100, i.e. $w_{sum} \geq 100$

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FAS: 0 – 30	The weights remain the same as per the original module framework, except that A3S2 must now have the same weight as the original weight of A2S2.
A1S1: <= 20	
A2S1: 20 – 30	
A1S2: 20 – 30	
A2S2: 20 – 40	
A3S2: 20 – 40	

- Students that had the opportunity to complete A1S1 before/on 16 March but did not complete this assessment opportunity. These students will not have an A1S1 mark (as lecturers will not create FAS opportunities for these students to replace an A1S1 mark and they did not complete the A1S1 opportunity that took place). **These students must complete at least three main assessments during the remainder of the year to obtain a valid final mark.** The student will be awarded the determined final mark, i.e. if the final mark after A2S2 was less than 50, the final mark after A3S2 is not limited to 50.

2.1 — If a student completed only 3 main assessments during the remainder of the year, the weights and formula remain the same as per the original module framework.

2.2 — If a student completed all 4 main assessments (A2S1, A1S2, A2S2 and A3S2) during the remainder of the year, the higher of A2S2/A3S2 will be used to determine the final mark. The formula will change to the formulas below after A2S2 and A3S2 respectively.

$$FM \text{ (after A2S2/A3S2)} = \left(\frac{0}{w_{sum}} \times A1S1\right) + \left(\frac{w_{FA}}{w_{sum}} \times FAS\right) + \left(\frac{w_2}{w_{sum}} \times A2S1\right) + \left(\frac{w_3}{w_{sum}} \times A1S2\right) + \left(\frac{w_4}{w_{sum}} \times A2S2\right) + \left(\frac{w_5}{w_{sum}} \times A3S2\right)$$

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FAS: 0 – 30	
A1S1: <= 20	2.4 The weights remain the same as per the original module framework, 2.2 As for 2.4 except that A3S2 must now have the same weight as the original weight of A2S2.
A2S1: 20 – 30	
A1S2: 20 – 30	
A2S2: 20 – 40	
A3S2: 20 – 40	

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FAS: 0 - 30	FAS: 0 - 30
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A2S1: 20 - 30	A2S1: 15 – 30
A1S2: 20 - 30	A1S2: 15 – 30
A2S2: 20 - 40	A2S2: 20 – 50
A3S2: 20 - 40	A3S2: 20 – 50 : Note: A2S2 and A3S2 must have the same weight.

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