



Update on Academic Study in October 2020 Trimester

2 October 2020

In view of the current Covid-19 situation, the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) has released a Media Statement on 2 October 2020 (as in Attachment 1) in order to safeguard the health, safety and well-being of staff, students and all stakeholders involved at Institutions of Higher Learning.

With reference to the above, the University would like to inform all students on the following development for the October 2020 Trimester:

1. **For Foundation Programmes and Postgraduate Programme (Master of Real Estate Development)** where the study week of October 2020 Trimester has started from 28 September 2020:
 - i. For those students who have chosen the OTL (Online Teaching and Learning) mode of study, all OTL classes (lecture / tutorial / practical / laboratory sessions) shall continue as scheduled.
 - ii. For those students who are back to campus, all the OTL lecture classes shall also continue and all physical classes (tutorial / practical / laboratory sessions) scheduled shall now be conducted online from 5 October 2020 via OTL mode until further notice.

For students who wish to change the mode of study to OTL mode or have any enquiries with regards to the arrangement of your classes to your registered courses, please contact the general offices of your respective Faculty / CFS / Institute.

2. On-campus Orientation for new students of **all Undergraduate Programmes and all Postgraduate Programmes for the October 2020 Intake** scheduled on 18 October 2020 will now be conducted via online mode where the e-Orientation website is available for access by students from 21 September 2020 onwards at <https://e-orientation.utar.edu.my/>.

For any enquiries with regards to the arrangement of the Orientation, please contact the general offices of your respective Faculty / CFS / Institute.

3. For **all Undergraduate Programmes and Postgraduate Programmes (taught course/mixed mode)** due to start from 26 October 2020:
 - i. For those students who have chosen the OTL mode of study, all OTL classes (lecture / tutorial / practical / laboratory sessions) shall continue as scheduled.
 - ii. For those students who have chosen to return to campus or are back to campus, all the OTL lecture classes shall also continue and all physical classes (tutorial / practical / laboratory sessions) scheduled shall be conducted online via OTL mode until further notice.

For students who wish to change the mode of study to OTL mode or have any enquiries with regards to the arrangement of your classes to your registered courses, please contact the general offices of your respective Faculty / CFS / Institute.

4. For students who plan to undergo or are undergoing clinical trainings / industrial trainings, you can continue your activities as planned following the SOP strictly. For those students who wish to defer their clinical trainings / industrial trainings, please contact the general offices of your respective Faculty / CFS / Institute for subsequent arrangement accordingly.
5. For students of **Postgraduate Programmes by Research mode who are on campus**, you can continue your R & D activities in campus as planned following the SOP.
6. Entry into the University Campuses is allowed following strictly the SOP in consideration of physical distancing and safety precautionary measures, of which the detailed information can be accessed via <https://dccpr.utar.edu.my/COVID-19-News-Announcements.php>, such as the following:
 - i. Wear a face mask at all times;
 - ii. Check in using the MySejahtera App;
 - iii. Take body temperature screening using the static standing thermal scanner or hand-held thermometer;
 - iv. Sanitise hands frequently;
 - v. Follow physical distancing measures of no less than one meter apart.

Individuals with a body temperature of 37.5°C and above will be denied entry at the main entry points of UTAR campuses.

7. In addition, the **on-going Final Assessments** (for May 2020 Trimester) for **all Undergraduate Programmes and Postgraduate Programmes** (i.e. time-restricted open-ended assessments and online examinations) will continue to be implemented via online mode (synchronous / asynchronous mode) as scheduled.

Any changes / updates to the above arrangements will be announced from time to time, depending on the latest directives from MOHE, professional bodies and relevant authorities.

Please stay safe and healthy. Thank You.

Office of the Registrar