



IMPORTANT UPDATE: RESUMPTION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS IN STAGES

23rd June 2020

Dear Students,

We wish to update you on the latest developments with regard to phased opening of higher education institutions as announced by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE). Based on the announcement, categories of students who are given the priority to return to campus in stages for selected activities starting **July 2020** are as follows:

1. Final year Bachelor Degree programmes students and Final semester of Certificate, Foundation, Diploma programmes

- Students are allowed to attend laboratory, workshop and studio sessions on campus.
- Students will be informed of the arrangements and schedules of on-campus sessions. Those unable to join the on-campus sessions will continue with e-learning.
- Students in this category who experience difficulty in accessing online classes from home, may request to use the facilities on campus for online learning.

2. Post-graduate programmes under research mode who require specific laboratory facilities or equipment to conduct research are now allowed to resume their research on campus.

3. All new students under the 2020/2021 academic session for Certificate, Foundation, Diploma, and Bachelor degrees will be allowed to begin their studies on campus in phases, while online learning will also still be available until the end of the semester for those who are unable to attend classes on campus.

Based on MOHE's announcement, all other students apart from the above will continue with online learning until 31 December 2020. **However, we are hopeful that further relaxations will be announced soon to enable more students to return to campus.** We will keep you posted on this as soon as any updates become available.

We will be informing all returning intakes in above categories by end of the week on the timelines of their return to campus. Comprehensive safety measures have and will continue to be taken to ensure that the campus is safe, including regular sanitization and enforcement of physical social distancing. For health and safety purposes, anyone wishing to enter the campus

must undergo thermal scanning and health declaration before being allowed entry. We will soon be sending out detailed guidelines and SOP's that need to be followed by all students and staff.

4. Returning International Students from Overseas

Based on the latest announcement by the Malaysian Government on 19th June 2020, existing International Students who are overseas can now plan their return to Malaysia. However, we are awaiting guidelines and all International students who are overseas will be informed of travel guidelines as and when they are issued by EMGS / Immigration, before planning to return to Malaysia. We understand that some students who have been overseas for the last few months may have expired Student Passes expired etc, and we will keep you posted on the guidelines once they are issued and will also assist you with options to travel back to Malaysia.

As such, please do not make travel arrangements until you receive the detailed guidelines from us.

These are challenging and unprecedented times. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we strive to ride through this challenging period. Meanwhile please stay safe and stay healthy, we look forward to welcoming you back on campus in stages.

Should you have any queries, please e-mail to: covid-response@apu.edu.my.

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