

EMS Engage

To senior students: Important message from the Dean

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Dear EMS Senior Student

Best wishes to you for 2021. We are looking forward to welcome you back on 15 March for the 2021 academic year. We will do our utmost to ensure that you successfully complete this academic year. Given what happened in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic, we felt that we should provide you with some guidance on how to prepare yourself for this year.

Teaching mode

Because of the COVID pandemic, the first semester of 2021 will **mainly** be conducted online. The lecturers will do their utmost best to assist you with your studies. We are considering several ways of refining our academic offering in 2021, but broadly, it will entail having more live-streamed lectures and online tutorials.

Information Technology (IT) and data

UP follows a hybrid teaching and learning approach and online capabilities are crucial. You will need an internet-enabled device and sufficient data as the academic activities will be conducted online. If the latter are not available, registered students may apply for access to the campus and use UP's computer laboratories and free Wi-Fi.

Assessment

At the very least, the third-year module exams at mid-year and the final year-end exams will be written on campus. If the COVID pandemic restrictions are relaxed, this may be extended to second-year modules as well.

Your contribution to the academic project

You have an invaluable part to play to make a success of your academic year. To do this, we suggest the following:

- *If it is not possible to study effectively at home, you may apply at Residence Affairs to come back to your residence or return to your private accommodation.*
- *You need to be self-driven, disciplined, and diligent, especially in the online environment.*
- *Due to the long break of nearly two months, we strongly recommend that you revise the 2020 study material to ensure that you depart from a position of excellence when the 2021 academic year starts.*

Prescribed textbooks

The lists of prescribed textbooks for the different modules will appear on the EMS website at the latest by 22 February 2021, under the blue block for Current Students and on the departmental websites. You will need your prescribed textbooks as early as possible, to complete your studies successfully.

Integrity and ethics

There has been a surge in the lack of integrity that manifested in the online assessment environment. When a student is believed to be dishonest, he/she will be handed over to the UP Legal Department for investigation. If a student is found guilty, he/she may forfeit credits for all modules enrolled for during a year, be excluded from study at UP and in a worst-case scenario, from study at any university in South Africa.

House Commercii

House Commercii is a valuable source of additional information and enables contact with fellow students. Please engage with them regularly.

We wish you all the best in the coming academic year.

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