

30 May 2020

Dear Valued Students, Staff, Colleagues and Partners,

Re: Singapore Campus Operations – Post Circuit Breaker

We hope everyone is keeping well and in good spirits. With reference to our announcement on 24 April 2020 on the extension of the circuit breaker to 1 June 2020, we are glad that Singapore will be exiting the Circuit Breaker and embarking on Phase One of the post-circuit breaker period from 2 June 2020.

The UON Singapore corporate office closure will be extended till the end of Phase One. The UON Singapore team will continue to tele-commute and will be working from home to support our staff, colleagues, students and partners during this period.

The UON Singapore corporate office may be able to resume operations in Phase Two. This will depend on Singapore government's decision and if the community infection rates remain low and stable over the subsequent two weeks. We may know by mid-June about when to proceed to Phase Two and we will keep you informed of the progress.

For students studying at BCA Academy

Please be informed that BCA Academy has suspended all on-campus lessons since 6 April 2020. Home-based learning and online assessments are being conducted via BlackBoard Collaborate Ultra for Semester 1 students studying at BCA Academy for all courses.

For sessions with laboratory and practical components, we have made necessary arrangements so that students will be supported accordingly to cope with home-based learning. Please visit the respective course BlackBoard site for details.

Our scheduled Teaching & Learning consultations conducted by Ms. Devi Kalay will continue to be made available to students via Zoom Meetings.

For Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) students, the Semester One examination period will be scheduled between 6 July to 17 July and all the examinations will either be conducted online or will be replaced with another assessment item.

To ensure that all students have the required resources/equipment to do the examination online, please remember to complete a form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCE-Sem1-Exams> before 5 June 2020. Please get in touch with your program coordinator, Dr Akhtar Hossain if you have any queries on this matter.

For students studying at PSB Academy

Majority of the courses for Trimester 2 will continue to be delivered online via BlackBoard Collaborate Ultra except for certain courses indicated below which requires access to the laboratory or studios for practical sessions or assessment.

EBUS3030	Business Intelligence
ELEC2430	Circuits and Signals
ELEC4100	Electrical Systems
MECH2110	Mechanical Engineering Design 1
MECH3400	Materials Science and Engineering 2
MECH3440	Mechanics of Solids
MECH3695	Heat Transfer
MECH3720	Thermodynamics
OHSE3630	Hygiene and Toxicology II
SENG2260	Human-Computer Interaction

Students who are required to attend the sessions scheduled will be notified on the arrangements as the team at PSB Academy is currently facilitating campus access progressively for laboratory-based classes from 2 June 2020.

Our scheduled Teaching & Learning consultations conducted by Ms. Devi Kalay will continue to be made available to students via Zoom Meetings.

We are currently confirming the arrangements for the final written assessment and examination for Trimester 2 and we will update students on this matter in due course.

PSB Academy will be undertaking thorough cleaning of the campus before allowing staff and students back. Safe management measures including the implementation of SafeEntry, biometric attendance taking, and temperature checks will be carried out on entry to and exit from campus. Masks have to be worn at all times on-campus. Students who are unwell, on home quarantine / Stay Home Notice, or have flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough, will be required to stay away from campus.

We encourage students to follow and comply with the measures undertaken by PSB Academy as we transit into the different phases after the end of this circuit breaker period.

Students may contact our Program Coordinators and Course Co-ordinators for assistance or if they have queries.

Our full-time academic staff contact information is available on the respective course BlackBoard site or students can view the information on our website at:

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/singapore/about-uon-singapore/organisationalstructure/academic-team>

Our contact email addresses can be found on our website at:

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/singapore/contact-us>

Please reach out to us via email for this period and you may contact us via this emergency mobile number at +65 93706052 for urgent matters.

Please continue to take good care of yourself and please reach out to the UONS team via email if you require any support or have any queries.

Thank you.

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