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University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

Dear Partners,

Greetings from University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

We hope that you all remain well and safe during this very challenging time, and are coping with the daily changes, constant updates, and sad news on the health crisis.

I am writing to (quite long, sorry!) update you all with latest information from UTS.

UTS Study Goes Online - Today

After a week-long break to enable the transition to online teaching, UTS teaching has re-commenced to all students today – Tuesday 24th March.

The majority of classes across all faculties and schools have been transitioned to Online Teaching mode. Teaching at UTS will continue online for the remainder of the Autumn session.

Your students have received email communication from UTS Study Abroad and Exchange, (*attached*) differing slightly depending on:

- if they have notified us they will remain in Sydney, or
- if they have decided or been required to return home.

Key messages for your students who are enrolled at UTS for the session – either online Overseas, or online in Sydney - are that they should:

- Log in to UTS student systems and check the UTS Online learning portal
- Check each of their Subjects in the portal, and follow the instructions of the Subject Coordinator.
- They should contact the Coordinator if they have study related questions.



- Many lectures will be recorded, and live Zoom tutorials will be offered, though we appreciate that time differences may be challenging for some of your students who have returned home. We understand that some faculty and subject coordinators may have already reached out to students to assist and advise them already.
- Exams or alternative assessment options will be arranged online for all online subjects
- If a class has not been able to be put online, students can apply via the UTS 'e-request' process to adjust their subject selection, and consider another class. Class size limits still apply (i.e. they could be full at this late stage) and admission may be subject to normal pre-requisite requirements etc.
- The deadline for *any last minute* minor adjustments as a result of online unavailability is now our new 'last date to add classes' – Monday March 30th

Services to Students Remaining with us in Sydney

UTS campus remains open to students at this stage, and students here with us can still access the UTS Library and food (take away only) and other support services, while practicing 'Social Distancing' as mandated by the Australian Government. Many UTS Student services and many clubs have gone online where they cannot operate. Our UTS Activate Gym is closed.

UTS Housing remains open and is accommodating and supporting remaining students through the current situation. UTS Housing will remain open, even if there is a significant change in government requirements in coming weeks (i.e. a lockdown). Students have been informed of the processes in place to facilitate refunds for weeks they will not stay at UTS, if they have had to return home.

We are doing our best to support and help your students remaining with us, and have included messaging in our emails around COVID-19 support, Health services, their Medibank OSHC Health Coverage etc.

Withdrawals

We trust most students will now be able to continue their studies online. We will do a final check in with those students who have indicated their intention to Withdraw, in early April, and facilitate this as a 'bulk process' before our new Census date – 14th April. Students who have paid UTS Tuition Fees, and Withdraw before UTS Census date, will then be advised around steps to receive their tuition refund.

Students don't need to come to our office to notify us of their intention to depart Sydney, but should send the team an email along with their flight details, so we can adjust their study location status in our databases.

Applications for UTS Spring 2020 (August – November) Session

While the situation is fluid, UTS is still currently planning to offer our Spring session in normal teaching mode.

- *Our UTS Study Abroad team* will continue to accept and process any Spring applications received. We will provide Offer Letters and subject enrolments, but not accept Deposits or issue Visa documentation until after May 15 2020. Of course students should not make financial commitments to come until after this date and a confirmation that the Session will be open.



- *Our UTS Exchange team* will be in contact with advice to our partners around Applications once we settle our current Autumn cohort.

When we have a clearer picture on UTS Spring 2020, based on the best COVID-19 advice, we contact all partners in full.

Full Information on the UTS COVID-19 response is available at our go to site: <https://www.uts.edu.au/current-students/news/coronavirus-and-international-travel-information>

Finally, as per my email signature, many staff are working from home already, including most of the Study Abroad and Exchange Team.

Please reach out to your contact or at studyabroad.exchange@uts.edu.au with queries, or to request a telephone call back.

Best regards and warmest wishes to you all and your students.

Simon and all the UTS team,

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