



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, WEST INDIES

INTERNAL COMMUNIQUÉ

Update on Teaching and Examinations

Good Morning Students,

As the country continues to deal with the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, The UWI St. Augustine remains committed to playing our part in ensuring the health and wellbeing of our community. Equally important is our commitment to ensuring academic continuity.

For this period, **Campus closure** is defined as *limited Campus operations consequent to the absence of face-to-face teaching, when students will not be on-campus, but during which business will proceed to support remote academic delivery, to ensure that responsibilities to students as well as staff are discharged. All of the ancillary processes that support our business in a modified form will continue within appropriate health and safety protocols.*

By this definition, please note the following updates:

- **Classes:** The situation is evolving daily, with many courses that were already being delivered online continuing in this mode. For the Faculty of Law, online delivery began this week. For most others, it will start the week of March 23. Individual Programme Coordinators will advise students accordingly.

While teaching staff are currently being trained for online course delivery, decisions are also being made across Faculties for courses that are not amenable to the online modality e.g. practicums, theatre and dance sessions etc. For courses moving to online delivery, this may now take the format of an online class or may be recorded and sent to students subsequently.

- **Timetables:** Please note that the existing timetables remain the same. Any changes to the Timetable will be communicated by the Head of Department, specific to a particular course. Students with questions regarding their course/

programme should first contact the Programme Coordinator; Head of Department or Dean.

- **Assignments:** Changes to these will vary by course, and the relevant Programme Coordinator/Lecturer, in consultation with the Head of Department and Faculty Dean, will advise of any changes relative to a particular course.
- **Examinations:** All examinations will be postponed. A further update will follow.

We understand that implementing these changes with such limited notice will have broad impacts and will be challenging for many students. Notwithstanding, we are committed to ensuring that students can complete the semester and fulfil their academic requirements. I have also committed to all Campus Deans that I stand ready to support in whatever way possible.

Please stay up-to-date on the latest communications at The UWI St. Augustine COVID-19 webpage at <https://sta.uwi.edu/covid19>. We will continue regular updates and provide details about modified Campus operations, as new information is available.

I thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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on behalf of

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