



Faculty of Humanities

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Dear undergraduate student

Staff of the Department of Political Sciences met to discuss the implementation of the university's 11 October 2016 statement on the resumption of the academic programme.

In line with management decisions, we have decided on the following approach as a department:

- 1) Since students are not allowed on campus, all classroom-based teaching for undergraduates is suspended for the rest of the year. In place of classroom-based teaching, we will make extensive use of ClickUp.
- 2) Under the difficult circumstances we find ourselves, we have decided to either suspend, or cut back drastically on the scope of work. By 13 October 2016, your lecturers will communicate to you what will be included and what will be left out of modules. Any remaining work will be completed by 31 October 2016.
- 3) Lecturers will revise their readings in line with the reduced scope of work. Since students do not have access to the library, links to readings will be provided on a ClickUp Library Reference page for each module. Where reference pages already exist, we are working with the library to revise the contents.
- 4) All outstanding written semester tests are henceforth cancelled, and will be replaced by online assignments/assessments. Lecturers will provide details.
- 5) The remaining assessments will start immediately and include the formal university examination period which is scheduled from 14 November to 3 December 2016. Lecturers will provide you with details via ClickUp.
- 6) The mark breakdown you were informed of at the start of the semester, falls away. Your final mark will be based on continuous assessment. Lecturers will provide you (via ClickUp) with the revised breakdown.
- 7) Since there will be no final written sit-down examination in November 2016 for undergraduate Political Sciences students, the exam entry requirement falls away.
- 8) You still require 50% as a final mark to pass a module.
- 9) Since students are not allowed on campus, lecturers will be available to answer queries by e-mail or telephonically. Each lecturer will provide you with details of when they are available.

These are new and uncharted waters for all of us and we urge you to work with us. The faculties have been given latitude to working out appropriate ways of assessing students. These may differ from faculty to faculty and from one department to the next. We have tried to keep our changes simple and achievable, especially since this is such a difficult time.

We know that some students do not have stable or regular access to internet. If you have such a problem please let your lecturer know. We have been informed that arrangements are being made by the university to make internet facilities available to UP students off-campus.

Students who need the assistance of the Disability Unit are asked to contact the Unit and they have undertaken to work with departments to ensure that we can meet your needs.

We wish that we could have provided a more thorough programme, but we believe that we will cover the requisite amount of work for students to progress to the next level. We also want to assure our first and second year students that work not covered in this year, will be carried over to the second and third years of studies.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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