

To: All Students
c.c.: All Academic/Teaching Staff, Faculties and Academic Departments

Dear students,

**Special Arrangement for the Assignment of DT/S/U Grades
in Semester 2, 2021/22**

As lectures will be conducted online for the rest of this semester, we have received enquiries from students about the availability of Distinction/Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (DT/S/U) grades* in this semester. I wish to inform you that course grades will be assigned according to the University's normal practice in this semester. That is, letter grades will be assigned except for courses which have adopted a different grade arrangement all along.

Students who have problems with online learning and teaching should immediately approach their Programme Director/academic advisor for necessary academic support and advice on appropriate arrangement such as applying for course withdrawal.

If you have been encountering unique and very difficult circumstances arising from the pandemic situation, you may apply for the assignment of **DT/S/U grades***. Before making your application, please be aware of the implications of DT/S/U grades* for pursuit of further studies and employment opportunities. A few students have earlier informed the University that they encountered queries in postgraduate applications / employment due to DT/S/U grades* which are not included in GPA calculation.

If you decide to make an application, please discuss with your Programme Director/academic advisor about your difficulties. Should you be advised that the assignment of DT/S/U grades* is the most appropriate arrangement for you, please write to your Programme Director/academic advisor, with sufficient justification and supporting documents, if any, for special approval **by 1 April 2022**. Relevant Programmes, upon approval of the student requests, should forward the applications, with the supporting documents, for final approval by the Academic Registrar / Associate Dean of Graduate School by 8 April 2022.

If your application is approved, DT/S/U grades* will be adopted for all the courses you have enrolled in this semester, except for course(s) which departments consider it necessary to assign letter grades.

Please take good care of yourself during this difficult time.

Albert Chau
Vice-President (Teaching and Learning)
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** For postgraduate courses, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grades will be assigned.*