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All staff email from Professor Joanne Cys, Acting Provost & Chief Academic Officer

Dear colleagues

As the COVID-19 situation continues to pose a health risk, I am writing to advise of the continuation of some modified teaching and learning arrangements that Academic Board has endorsed for the remainder of this year.

These adjustments do not apply to UniSA Online courses, which have already been developed for fully online delivery.

Lectures

To ensure that we can continue to meet social distancing requirements, lectures will continue to be offered online throughout 2021. Course Coordinators should continue to provide alternative high-quality learning resources, including recording full-length lectures, creating shorter video modules, or making available other interactive and informative online learning content.

Examinations

We will continue to offer online examinations via learnonline during Study Periods 5-7 in 2021. Open book conditions apply for online examinations (except for UniSA Online courses where remote proctoring is used).

Depending on the nature of the course offering, many Course Coordinators have made alternative arrangements to support student learning where there is a need to demonstrate calculations or to complete an examination paper using special characters, not easily achieved using the learnonline system. Course Coordinators will continue to have the option of offering alternative types of assessment, including invigilated assessments in class (maintaining social distancing), if they do not wish to conduct an online examination.

Please note that the additional hour of examination time made available in Study Periods 2-4 in 2021 will continue for the remainder of this year.

Note that there may be exceptional circumstances in which face-to-face lectures or examinations are required – this will require approval from the relevant Dean of Programs, with careful consideration of the social distancing and health requirements in place at that time.

Support for staff and students

Each Academic Unit will be responsible for making the appropriate determinations within their courses and updating this information within course outlines. The Teaching Innovation Unit (TIU) will continue to be available to support and advise staff in relation to the development of high-quality online learning resources and assessment.

Today all undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students (excluding UniSA Online students) have been sent an [email](#) regarding the continuation of these arrangements, and highlighting their academic integrity obligations in an online environment.

Thank you all for your unwavering support to our students under these extraordinary times and for adeptly handling the challenges posed by COVID-19. I am truly appreciative of your tremendous efforts.

Regards