

To: NAS Students and Students Registered for Modules Offered by the NAS Faculty

## NAS Faculty Plans: Second Semester 2021

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The faculty has prepared a plan to present modules, due to the nature of the modules, in a face to face manner. This was communicated to all role players including students since October 2020.

- Due to the lack of clarity on what will follow in terms of lock-down level 4 after the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2021, the Executive Committee of Faculty Management has decided that the semester will start as planned on the 26th of July 2021.
- The classes for undergraduate students will however strictly be online only until the 6th of August 2021.
- The practical's for undergraduate students to start face to face as from the 10<sup>th</sup> of • August 2021, if the lock-down levels allow, if not, alternative plans will be made.
- Students allowed to return to campus will be issued with valid campus access permits • by DIRAP (Directorate for Institutional Research and Academic Planning) as soon as possible after the 1st of August 2021 depending on the lock-down levels and announcements by the President.
- All assessments will be managed in controlled conditions in terms of face to face structured sessions for all semester tests and examinations, this will obviously only start after students are allowed to return to campus.
- As postgraduate activities have continued during lock-down level 4 since 27 June 2021, postgraduate students will be informed by the different academic departments on how they will proceed.
- Students will receive more detailed communication from their Academic Department . through Blackboard announcements and must proceed to log into their modules on Blackboard to start the second semester online as the adjusted strategies will be communicated in the module announcements.
- Students who need to make changes to their second semester modules must contact • their Programme Directors urgently as registration changes for the second semester still stop on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.

The faculty acknowledges that students may feel anxious due to the uncertain times we are in but the students registered for modules in this faculty have repetitively shown their resilience before, and we believe in you. Myself and all the staff in the faculty wish you a prosperous second semester in 2021.

Thank you and best regards,





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