



SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

SEMESTER 1, ACADEMIC SESSION 2020/2021

Assalamu'alaikum & Greetings.

Dearest students,

CONGRATULATIONS for your endurance, patience and persistence in the face of this COVID-19 pandemic. We are now in the process of adjusting to new way of teaching and learning in a new norm setting. We will continue to strive and will always do our level best to beat this tough time and be adaptive to this new paradigm of teaching and learning. The School of Mathematical Sciences is now looking at several ways and means to make sure the teaching and learning activities for this coming Semester 1, Academic Session 2020/2021 to be an uninterrupted event and accommodating for both students and lecturers.

To facilitate the teaching and learning for this coming Semester 1, we would like to put forth a few important matters that require your attention.

1. Course registration (E-Daftar) through CampusOnline will start on **11 September 2020 until 8 October 2020**. Please refer to the Course Registration Timetable.
2. Teaching & Learning sessions for Semester 1, Academic Session 2020/2021 will commence on **12 October 2020**. Please refer to the Courses Timetable provided in Attachment 1. Kindly contact your Academic Advisor for academic guidance.
3. Probation students are required to attend SIAP (online) session on 12 October 2020, to be conducted by the Deputy Dean (Academic) and Program Chairpersons.
4. Dropping of courses can be made from Week 1 until Week 6.
5. Starting this Semester 1, Academic Session 2020/2021, our school will adopt the Blended Learning Substitution (BLS) in our teaching and learning. In this practice, 60% of a course will be delivered online and another 40% via face to face (F2F) lectures.
6. Following the BLS approach, lectures are to be conducted online starting 12 October 2020. Students can choose to work from home or to work from campus during the online sessions.
7. F2F sessions are planned to commence on **21 December 2020 (subject to COVID-19 situation)**. All students will need to plan ahead to be available in the campus for the F2F sessions.
8. All students are expected to have their own device/laptop to ensure a proper running of the online teaching & learning sessions.

For further enquiries, you may refer to Deputy Dean (Academic) or Senior Registrar, School of Mathematical Sciences, USM. Thank you.

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