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All students email from Professor David Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor and President

Dear students

It's been a few weeks now since we moved our lectures and tutorials online. I very much appreciate your patience as we've worked hard to make sure you are able to continue your studies, despite the disruptions of COVID-19.

Of course, we recognise that not everyone has been able to study effectively from home, so campuses and libraries have remained open – with appropriate precautions – to allow all of those students who need to, to access campus facilities. I also thank you for the feedback that you've given us as we work to continually improve your study experience.

Teaching

A few weeks ago, based on advice from the Government, we let you know that we would suspend all face-to-face teaching until April 27 – next Monday.

I can confirm that we will continue to deliver all lectures and tutorials online until the end of Study Period 2 – July 4, 2020. This will minimise the need for students to attend campus for these components of their courses.

In situations where we are not able to deliver activities online (or where we cannot substitute the activity with a suitable online alternative), and where it is necessary and safe to do so, we will begin to return to face-to-face practical, studio and laboratory sessions from next week (starting April 27). Of course, this will only be done where we can implement appropriate social distancing and wellbeing measures observed to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

Your Program Directors and Course Coordinators will provide specific details on these teaching arrangements. Our ambition is to minimise, wherever possible, any disruption to your studies and academic progress through your degree.

Exams and grades

I know many of you have been asking about changes to exams and grades. UniSA's Academic Board met this week to discuss proposals to ensure that students are not disadvantaged by the changes we've had to make to respond to the COVID-19 situation. Both staff and students were very supportive of changes being made to achieve the best possible outcomes for all students.

We will provide more information over coming days on arrangements for your examinations and alternative grading provisions – this will include the ability for students who pass a course to request a Non-Graded Pass (NGP) and for those who fail to request a “Withdraw Not Fail” result.

Keeping updated

While it's hard to know exactly how the next few weeks and months will unfold, we hope that we will soon be able to start transitioning back to more face-to-face teaching, when it is safe to do so. We will continue to keep you updated with news as we are able.

Please see the [Student FAQs](#) for more details, including how to access the [Student Hardship Fund](#). We have also prepared some dedicated [support resources](#) that show who you can contact if you have any questions or concerns.

Again, thank you for your continued understanding and support