

Dear Students,

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented disruptions to our lives this year. Even with Singapore entering Phase 2 of the country's reopening after the circuit breaker period, local universities must still adhere to many restrictions.

As NUS Law is gearing up for the start of a new academic year in August 2020, we appreciate that many students may not be able to be physically present in our classrooms for most of this year. At NUS Law, we are striving to balance international travel restrictions, safe distancing requirements and other precautionary measures with providing our students with the best possible university experience.

### **Teaching in Semester 1 of Next Academic Year**

We aim to continue to meet our high standards of academic quality and student experience through the online learning format in the first semester of our new academic year (August to November 2020). Do note that this is not a permanent measure to move exclusively to online learning! We will do as much in-class learning as we can as soon as Singapore is ready to embark on the "new normal".

#### *All Classes at NUS Law are Online*

Although NUS has permitted face-to-face (F2F) learning for a class size of 50 & below starting from August, and subject to safe distancing rules, our location at Bukit Timah Campus (BTC) presents significant physical constraints that prevent us from running F2F classes. Due to the 1.5m safety distance needed between seats, we estimate that the seating capacities will be drastically reduced to about 30% of the original quantities. There are a few other important factors we have considered: (i) all of our international students (especially our LLM cohort) are unlikely to be able to enter Singapore for a substantial part of Semester 1; (ii) local undergraduate students who are resident in Kent Ridge and Yale-NUS College may not be able to be physically present at BTC for both compulsory and elective modules due to NUS zoning rules (it was also mandated that online classes should be available for such students); (iii) students who are served Stay Home Notices or Quarantine Orders should have access to online learning.

In summary, we have arrived at the position that **all classes at NUS Law in Semester 1 of AY2020-21 commencing in August 2020 will be taught online.**

However, exceptions *may* be made for undergraduate tutorials (between 11-15 students) to be conducted face-to-face (F2F), in the following modules, and you will be informed in due course if we are proceeding with F2F:

- LC1003 Law of Contract
- LC1004 Law of Torts
- LC1016 Legal Analysis, Research & Communication
- LC2004 Principles of Property Law
- LC3001A Evidence (A)

*Consult Sessions for International Students*

Regarding international students who are in different time zones, it would be impossible to cater to different time zones when scheduling classes. As the timetable of online classes, in particular the electives, are published on our website prior to module selections, we expect you to make yourself available if you want “synchronous” learning. Otherwise you can avail yourself of the recorded session or the uploaded powerpoint slides. Teachers may be organising a few extra consultation sessions on Zoom for international students who find it a significant challenge to sign in for the live sessions.

**If you are an undergraduate student, and have questions, please contact**  
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**If you are a graduate coursework student (e.g. LLM), and have questions, please contact**  
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Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation during these challenging times!  
And I wish you a fruitful learning experience ahead.



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