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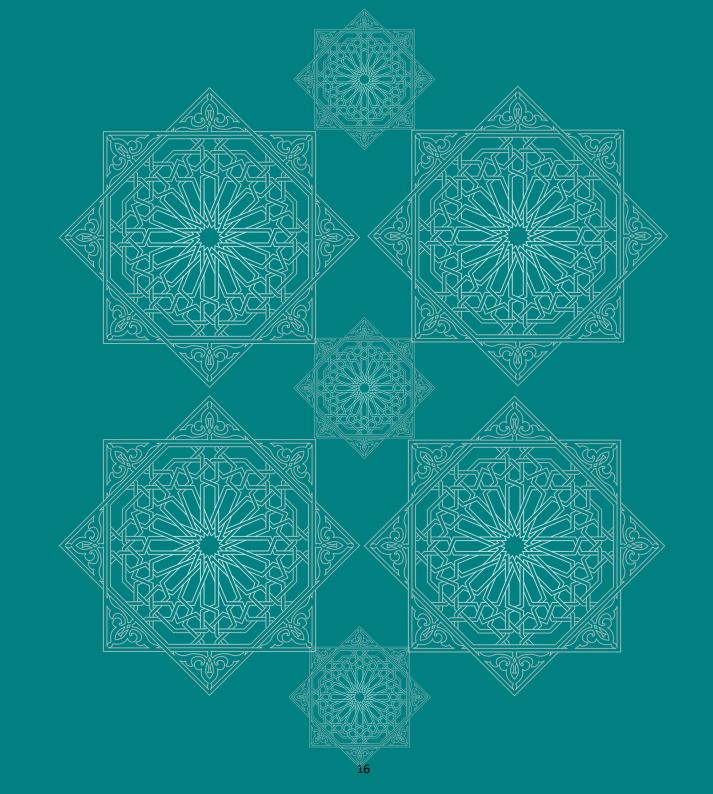
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To ensure equity in education, these underprivileged students should be brought back to university campus where they can utilise university facilities to follow remote classes like the rest of their peers. To deprive them of education while other students are following remote classes during this pandemic, is unfair and unjust. Thus, IIUM recommends that unless and until all students are being accorded equal opportunity to follow remote classes, remote teaching and learning would not be a viable and fair measure for education delivery.

In the presence of preparedness, quality and equity, IIUM agrees that remote teaching and learning can become a worthy complement to face-to-face teaching and learning in providing a richer, better and fairer educational experience for its students. In the long term, IIUM will continue to enhance the quality of its education delivery, both in terms of face-to-face and remote teaching and learning.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lihanna Borhan Director, Office of Knowledge for Change and Advancement (KCA)

Remote teaching and learning (RTL) in the context of IIUM does not directly equate to online and distance learning. Currently (as of June 2020) none of the programmes are accredited to run as open distance learning (ODL) mode.

However, RTL should be a part of our conventional mode, as it is an element of blended learning. During ERTL, it will be more than the 30% limit of the conventional mode. During normal times, courses should have 30% of their pedagogical delivery done via RTL.

RTL may be done in various ways. In the blended approach, RTL elements may be organized either by weeks (by alternating F2F and RTL or by block of F2F followed by block of RTL), by topics, or by tasks. Lecturers may also choose to conduct it in other ways, as long as there is a justified rationale and the sessions are well-documented. Lecturers have the discretion to design their own blended learning approach.

#### **F2F TO ONLINE CONVERSION**

RTL is not just a question of changing platforms i.e., moving practices that are normally done face-toface to an online platform. Instead, RTL should be seen as another pedagogical element that will enrich the learning experiences of the students.

As such, there is no one-to-one conversion of faceto-face elements to the online mode. The most important part for the lecturers to remember is that course learning outcomes are achieved. For each RTL element used, the lecturer is aware of the objectives and ensure that the objectives are achieved within a reasonable amount of time.



#### **STUDENT LEARNING TIME**

#### Student Learning Time (SLT)

How then does one calculate student learning time for RTL elements?

- a. Synchronous sessions one-to-one conversion e.g., 30 minutes of live sessions equals 30 minutes of face-to-face, equals 30 minutes of SLT
- For non-synchronous sessions, lecturers are to adapt accordingly based on the nature of the tasks or activities students are to engage in.
   Examples are given here for lecturers to grasp the concept and adapt accordingly (These are neither exhaustive nor binding).

Task	Calculation	E.g SLT
Watching a video	Actual run time x expected number of viewings needed to achieve the objective.	
		5 min video x 6 expected views = 30 minutes SLT
Slides (basic, simple texts)	Number of slides x 3 minutes x expected number of viewings needed to achieve the objective.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		5 slides x 3 minutes x 4 expected views = 60 minutes SLT
		7 slides x 3 minutes x 2 expected views = 42 minutes SLT
Slides (content-rich)	Number of slides x minutes expected x expected number pf viewings needed to achieve the	· · · · ·
	objectives	6 slides x 4 minutes x 7 expected views =168 minutes SLT
Play a game-based task	Actual run time x number of repetition expected	3 minutes x 1 repetition = 3 min SLT
		10 minutes x 2 repetitions = 20 minutes SLT

These examples are given not for lecturers to calculate each and every activity, but to give the lecturers an idea that variations do exist, and lecturers should use this as a guide so as not to over-burden students or under-load students. However, for good practice, it is recommended that lecturers keep a record of

the assigned online activities and tasks and reflect on the effectiveness of these elements towards the achievement of the course learning outcomes.

Lecturers who wish to have a more structured approach, may refer to the Guidelines on eLearning for Malaysian HEIs published by the Ministry of Higher Education (2014).

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME GUIDELINES

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gairuzazmi Mat Ghani Director, Academic Management and Admission Division (AMAD)

The University's initial decision was to defer regular classes until 1st June 2020, where students would be back on campus and normal classes with some adjustments on physical distancing would be resumed. However, given that it may not be safe for students to be on campus in large numbers and attend classes as usual, until the end of the year, amendments have to be made to this approach.

The University has decided to adopt Emergency Remote Teaching and Learning (ERTL) to continue Semester 2, 2019/2020 lectures, and until all students are allowed back on campus. This is to ensure that the delivery of the academic programmes may be done such that students are able to acquire the knowledge, competencies and attitudes indicated.

This section provides the guidelines for students and lecturers for the ERTL period. These guidelines on the resumption of studies, conduct of classes, conduct of assessment, and industrial training are only valid for the ERTL period.

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