



DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY  
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## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

### STUDENT COMMUNIQUE

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

#### STRATEGIES TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF LEARNING DURING THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD

The **Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT)** has enlisted the support of a strong team of online learning experts and colleagues to support you and assembled an array of tools to help you build confidence and capacity to move your learning online, engage your lecturers and tutors in learning remotely, and meet learning objectives during the lockdown period and possibly beyond.

You may want to enhance your remote online learning through Moodle or Microsoft Teams, amongst other online learning tools and systems. They serve as a powerful hub, providing access to a number of tools for communicating, learning and doing assessment tasks online. If you have not used Moodle or MS Teams before or would like additional support, we are currently finalising arrangements for ongoing student support through the Technology for Learning (TFL) Programme. The TFL programme has tutors in all six faculties who have been trained to assist students with access to the official online learning platforms of the university.

CELT will continue to develop and enhance the support initiatives in response to the situation and to answer instructors' questions as they emerge to ensure continuity of instruction during the lockdown period.

We highly recommend that you download the **Moodle** mobile App and **Microsoft Teams** mobile App for easy access, communication, learning, and more.

Below are listed some of the strategies that have been designed to underpin continuity in teaching and learning during the COVID 19 pandemic. Our plan has THREE fundamental aspects to it:

1. **Moodle** will continue to be the primary LMS.

2. Academics and students will have immediate access to **Microsoft Teams**, as an alternate and/or complementary online platform to facilitate the sharing of learning materials and enhance communication.
3. Academic tutorials will take place online which will be provided by Residence Educational Programme Tutors and Academic Tutors, the tutorials will be conducted on WhatsApp (webinars, sharing content, voicenotes), Moodle (chat, sharing content and assessments), and MS Teams (virtual meetings, online collaborations, sharing documents, task sharing tools and online storage of ITB)

#### **STUDENTS ARE ASSURED OF:**

1. Online training and support made available to students in order for them benefit from various forms of online teaching and learning. Student training coordinated by Mr Simon Ndlovu who leads the **Technology for Learning** programme in CELT.
2. Technical support in the use of learning platforms and related facilities provided by Helpdesk Technicians in CELT for Moodle and ITSS for Microsoft Teams.

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

  
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