

**UNIVERSITY STATEMENT****STATEMENT FROM DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR: TEACHING AND LEARNING**

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Dear staff and students

**TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE**

As from 1 June 2020, DUT began to offer multi-modal teaching and learning (T&L) across all levels of study. On 5 June, residences received final year students that require clinical training in their programmes. On 8 June, the University resumed blended T&L for this category of students only.

From 12 June 2020, residences began to receive the following categories of students:

- Students in the final year of their programmes, who are on a path to graduating in 2021, may return.
- Final year students, who require access to laboratories, technical equipment, data, connectivity and access to residence and private accommodation, should only return if they have been invited by their Faculties.
- Postgraduate students who require laboratory equipment and other technical equipment to undertake their studies.

Blended T&L, which entails integration of face-to-face and online T&L, will resume on 17 June 2020.

Students, who experience challenges in accessing online T&L material, will be provided with a 32GB USB memory stick, which is pre-loaded with learning material. This group of students must contact their academic department in advance, to request access to the USB devices with T&L material.

Please take note that **only students who have been invited** to return, should arrive on campus. No deviations from this will be tolerated.

You can access our multi-modal learning webpage, which has important information that was shared by the DUT Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching:

<https://www.dut.ac.za/getting-started-with-multi-modal-learning-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

For those students returning to campus and residence, please remember to use the HealthCheck screening online form before you arrive on campus. This will prevent delays at the entry gate. You can read more about the HealthCheck screening tool here:

<https://www.dut.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/HealthCheck-Communique-Thursday-28-May-2020.pdf>

Finally, we remind all students who are returning to campus and residence that it is **compulsory to use a face mask**. You must wear your face mask whenever you leave your place of residence. Please also remember to wash and sanitize your hands regularly. You have to observe physical distancing guidelines and do not gather in groups. We all have a shared responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of the University community.

Have a safe week...

Sincerely

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