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College Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Online Classes

Q: Will attendance be checked in the online classes?

A: For online classes, participation is counted as attendance. It may be in the video conference, or MOODLE/Google Classroom submission, online forum, group chats, etc. depending on the arrangement with the instructor. Your participation is checked in order to find out how many students are actually online or not. Then your teacher, Coordinator, or Dean will reach out to students who are not engaged in order to assist or address any concerns, if any. Online attendance for each class is well-monitored to ensure that no student is left behind. All should be given the opportunity to still continue learning through various platforms. Attendance will serve as the monitoring guide to those who are not attending (how to help them) and those who are diligently attending.

Q: What are the implications if I fail to attend the online classes?

A: Since we do not know how long this quarantine will be, you will miss out on the topics discussed, consequently you will lag behind in your lessons. Furthermore, you will miss out on the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the platforms used that may help you in your future endeavors, i.e. employment. This will be a good talking point in your job interview on how you were able to cope with the crisis personally. Aside from missing out on the lessons being taught for the day, this will matter much when actual classes resume. Additionally you will be missing out on the chance to interact with your teachers and classmates who will be able to assist you in difficult lessons. Although failure to attend in online classes does not mean failure in the subject, submissions and activities done online will be part of your grade.

Q: Will there be an available staff/teacher/officer who I could chat with if I have concerns?

A: The Dean and Coordinators are available 24/7 to answer your concerns. Teachers may also be contacted. Group chats have been created to address issues and concerns. You also have your mentors whom you can approach anytime online.

Q: What happens if I start studying online then for health reasons I am required to self-isolate?

A: These are concerns that can be answered by informing us immediately. There are options that can be given and support will always be extended to you. If you are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and this prevents you from accomplishing online activities, then your health comes first and we advise you to completely inhibit yourself from any school-related activity. If what you are doing is the general quarantine, we highly encourage you to continue with online participation. Students are advised to just inform their teachers or if not, the Coordinators or Deans. Special arrangement will be done to bridge the gap because of the health concerns.

Q: If the suspension of classes gets extended, will summer classes be affected?

A: This is really the reason why online classes are being held. To see to it that the school calendar is not greatly affected in such a way as to disrupt any school activity or program. With online classes we hope to be able to end the school year as scheduled. Classes are ongoing, so to date, summer classes will be offered as scheduled. Should there be any changes, there will be an announcement and your Coordinator or Dean will advise you accordingly.

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Q: How will I be given a grade in P.E. class if we are not doing physical activities?

A: P.E. activities now vary with the use of video, MOODLE and the like in lieu of the physical activities. P.E. classes are on track and the online platform will serve as the medium for P.E. activities.

Q: Will I be undertaking exams online? How will it be done?

A: Given that we are on lockdown, the teachers have modified the exams to methods that can be administered online through group chats, video conferencing, and other online learning platforms like MOODLE and Google Classroom. These tests can be oral, project-based, or essays. The different forms of exams that will be given online will be discussed with you thoroughly by your teacher. The end goal is to ensure that the same learning outcomes are achieved for the students.

Q: Will there be a self-study week? When will it be? Will there be assignments during the self-study week?

A: Make-up or review classes may be scheduled during the self-study week but no new assignments will be given. This may also be your time to finish your pending requirements, if any.

Q: Do we need to be in uniform when we attend online classes?

A: Yes, you are encouraged to wear either your school uniform or your org shirt. In any case that it is not available, you are required to wear any decent attire. Sleeveless or clothes with plunging necklines are highly discouraged. This will be based on the advice of your teacher. However, regardless of the required attire, appropriate dress code will still be required when attending classes as a courtesy to your classmates and teacher.

Q: Will the number of absences prior the quarantine be counted?

A: Yes, your absences prior the quarantine were counted. Please refer to the student handbook for the number of allowable absences.

Q: Will I be able to consult with my Coordinator or Dean while I study online?

A: Yes, you may consult your Coordinator or Dean while you are studying online. You may send them an email, SMS, or reach them through social applications such as Messenger, Viber, Hangouts, and the like.

Q. If I have more questions, who will I contact?

A: You may address your queries to your Dean, Coordinator or Teacher who shall determine the right department concerned, coordinate with them and get back to you as soon as possible. Group chats have also been created by faculty members, per Department and per subject if you have questions and other concerns. You also have mentors who you can approach anytime through on line channels.

Q. How will I finish my required hours for Internship?

A: Your Practicum Coordinator will give you an alternative activity/project to make sure that you will finish the required number of hours. Kindly take note though that you have to work on this diligently so that you will finish your requirements for Practicum on time. Remember that we will still observe ZERO DEFICIENCY for graduation.

Q. Who can I go to if I am feeling anxious or depressed at this time?

A: Online mentoring is happening even if we are on quarantine. Please get in touch directly with your Mentor or if you need help in contacting him/her, your Coordinator or Dean will help connect the two of you.

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