

Announcement of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Measures and surveillance of novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) No. 5 How to conduct the classes, examinations and assessment of learning outcomes

Due to the ongoing crisis of the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) with evidence that Thailand is likely to have more people infected with the disease, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi is highly concerned about the well-beings and health of students, personnel, including the support staff who are involved in teaching and learning.

In order to ensure smooth and effective teaching and learning, examinations and assessment of learning outcomes during the crisis, by virtue of Section 24 and Section 27 of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi ACT, B.E. 2541, the University has thus announced how to conduct classes, examinations and assessment of learning outcomes to prevent the outbreak of the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) for the remaining duration of Semester 2/2019, as follows:

Managing lectured-based classes and practice sessions

1. Lecturers are to conduct online classes for all undergraduate and graduate courses which can be live teaching (Live), prerecorded video and audio files or any multimedia for students to access (On demand) to provide lectures and demonstrations. This should be carried out immediately and not later than Monday, 23 March 2020.

2. As for a lecture class for over one hundred students, online class is to be conducted on the subject timetable as planned starting from Monday, 23 March 2020 onwards. It can also be implemented before that period only if every student is informed of the new timetable.

3. With respect to the practice session of every subject, while the content, objectives and outcome of the learning shall be covered, the classes will have to be adjusted to suit the situation which aims at reducing and avoiding the activities that can increase the risk of infection of novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

4. Should there be any problems or shortcomings, the deans of the faculties responsible for those courses have full authority to take any action as deemed appropriate.

Examinations and evaluations of learning outcomes

1. With regard to the final examination of Semester 2/2019, the lecturers are advised to adjust the criteria and adopt new evaluation methods to measure the learning outcomes of each subject and disregard the 80% attendance mandatory for examination.

2. The lecturers are requested to adopt any appropriate evaluation methods in replace of examination e.g. online exam, take home exam, assignment and report in order to avoid clusters of people.

3. The lecturers are requested to consider adjusting evaluation methods to be an "ongoing" assessment or evaluating the students' achievement or their completed work as appropriate. In addition, they are to communicate with the students so that they can fully understand the necessity of the adjustment of criteria and evaluation methods to measure the learning outcomes during the unusual period caused by the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

4. Qualifying Examination, Proposal Examination, Preliminary Examination and Oral Defense can be conducted via teleconference.

5. In the event that there are problems or operational issues and other examinations and evaluations of learning outcomes apart from the abovementioned, the deans of the faculties responsible for those courses have full authority to take any action as deemed fit.

If there are any other announcements with conflicting or inconsistent content with this announcement, please adhere to this announcement until further notice.

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