

# COVID Update for Applicants and Current Students of the University of Derby (Top-Up) Programmes

Dear Students

## Update September 2021

Our approach to Covid-19 is to follow Singapore MOH/CPE guidance and regulations, and to keep all our people safe. We are adapting to the changing world and are making sure that your learning doesn't have to be put on hold. This may mean that teaching could be online or in person, however we will ensure you have access to the highest quality teaching and the best possible student experience.

The following table lays out the Stages of Operations we will move through as the current pandemic roadmap progresses and further announcements are made about the impact of the pandemic on higher education.

Our Stages of Operations illustrate the stages for programme delivery and how things may change in the future (depending on Singapore MOH/CPE, government requirements). Following the most recent announcement (09/09/2021) we are at **Stage 2**.

Stage	Tuition (All Students)	Postgraduate research students	Facilities and services	Health and safety measures
<b>Stage 1</b>	Full face-to-face teaching in place for all programmes, enhanced by best	No restrictions.	All student and campus services open.  <i>AAC campus facilities opened to students</i>	Some measures may remain in line with government and public health guidance. Face mask and maintaining social distance is a must. Staff, students, and visitors to check-in at the entry by scanning the

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	<p>digital practice.</p> <p>Standard on-campus delivery for all students</p>			<p>QR code or by using Trace-Together token.</p>
<p><b>Stage 2</b></p>	<p>Blended learning is in place (two-thirds face-to-face, one-third delivered digitally), with face-to-face teaching prioritised for all programmes. All students are provided with a</p>	<p>All research activities that require on-campus facilities can go ahead.</p>	<p>All student and campus services open.</p> <p>Staff and students to follow Safe Management Measures (SMM) as directed by the Government.</p> <p>Guided Learning and independent study modules will be delivered online.</p>	<p>Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance.</p> <p>Face mask and maintaining social distance is a must. Staff, students, and visitors to check-in at the entry by scanning the QR code or by using Trace-Together token.</p>

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	<p>minimum of three hours per week of on-campus learning.</p>			
<p><b>Stage 3</b></p>	<p>Mix of online and blended learning, prioritising the continuation of face-to-face provision for certain programmes. Opportunities for students on practical programmes to access specialist</p>	<p>Postgraduate research students are encouraged to work from home where possible.</p>	<p>Essential services are open, on a reduced hours basis.</p> <p><i>Staff and students to take note of the working hours communicated through our student management system (AIMS)</i></p> <p><i>For face-to-face classes staff and students to strictly follow Safe Management Measures (SMM) as directed by the Government</i></p>	<p>Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance. Face mask and maintaining social distance is a must. Staff, students, and visitors to check-in at the entry by scanning the QR code or by using Trace-Together token.</p>

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	resources are maximised.			
<b>Stage 4</b>	We will provide an increased level of online learning to retain face-to-face provision for priority courses (eg healthcare and education courses), and in as limited number of situations as possible.	Postgraduate research students are encouraged to work from home where possible.	<p>Essential services are open, on a reduced hours basis.</p> <p><i>Staff and students to take note of the working hours communicated through our student management system (AIMS)</i></p> <p><i>For unavoidable face-to-face arrangements with prior appointment and approvals, staff and students to strictly follow Safe Management Measures (SMM) as directed by the Government</i></p>	Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance. Face mask and maintaining social distance is a must. Staff, students, and visitors to check-in at the entry by scanning the QR code or by using Trace-Together token.

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<p><b>Stage 5</b></p>	<p>Most teaching provision will be online - only essential in-person teaching will take place on-site.</p> <p>Return to full lockdown. Campus teaching is restricted to students on PSRB accredited programmes that require face-to-face delivery</p>	<p>Essential practical research can continue on campus.</p>	<p>Campus services are delivered digitally. For essential in-person teaching <i>staff and students to strictly follow Safe Management Measures (SMM) as directed by the Government</i></p>	<p>Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance.</p> <p>Face mask and maintaining social distance is a must. Staff, students, and visitors to check-in at the entry by scanning the QR code or by using Trace-Together token.</p>

NB this notification can be used throughout the academic year to keep your students informed about any changes to the BALM delivery model.