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## **Update from the Vice-Rector Regarding the Beginning of the Second Semester of the 2021-2022 School Year**

Dear campus community,

The Second Semester will begin on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. I would like to inform you that **at this point in time we intend to renew frontal teaching at the campus, in line with the First Semester curriculum.** Therefore, most of the lectures **will take place as lectures in the classroom with both lecturer and students present.**

Our preparations for the semester are in line with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. Of course, just like you, we are following this issue, as well as the ebbing of the omicron wave, and we will update our guidelines and preparations as necessary.

I would also like to inform you that in accordance with the government decision, the green pass requirements for institutions of higher learning were cancelled on February 7th, thus you no longer need to present your green pass or confirmation of a COVID-19 test at the entrance to the campus. However, we must all continue to exercise precaution and follow the guidelines that require masks to be worn in all classrooms and other closed spaces on campus.

As a general policy, and especially during a time of widespread sickness, we will continue to make the frontal lectures accessible for remote learning by recording them as we did in the first semester. however, some classes will take place by live broadcast via zoom, without students in the classroom. These lectures will not be recorded. Notice regarding lectures to be broadcast live will be given to the students at the beginning of the semester. We believe that for most courses, the provision of recorded lectures for self-learning and revision of the study material has great value for our students.

I would like to remind you that **practical training courses** as well as **laboratory classes** and **small-group, discussion-based courses** (such as advanced seminars), which cannot be taught, nor can their tasks be completed, without the students' physical presence, will take place frontally on campus, with no option for remote learning (i.e., these classes will not be made accessible for remote learning). Students in these courses who are sick or in isolation are asked to approach their departments for help and assistance in catching up on the study material.

In other courses that have been defined by the teaching departments and lecturers as courses in which the students' presence is compulsory (as indicated in the handbooks and syllabuses), the lecturer has the right to record the physical presence of students at the beginning of each lecture, and remove from the course any students that were absent without permission or any other justifiable reason, as detailed in the regulations. Students who cannot come to the campus for health reasons should contact the lecturer personally to resolve their absence.

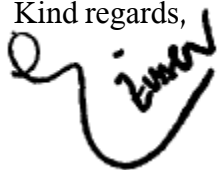
All the exams that are set to take place after the beginning of the semester, including second scheduled exams (Moed Bet) and special scheduled exams (Moed Meyuchad) from the First Semester, will also take place on campus.

We will continue to make every effort to assist at-risk students and students who cannot be vaccinated. These students can approach their department reception for clarification and assistance.

I would like to express hope that the coming semester will mark a return to a regular routine of teaching, learning and research, allowing us to rehabilitate our campus community, which constitutes an important component of Israeli society.

I would like to thank the Student Union and academic faculty committees for coming forward to help us and you in this task that we have taken upon ourselves.

Kind regards,



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