

April 30, 2020

Dear Students,

About a month and a half ago, by order of the Health Ministry, frontal teaching ceased and all of us made the transition to online teaching and learning. Of course, this was only one aspect or detail of the upheaval in our lives brought about by the Corona virus pandemic.

Since then, we celebrated or commemorated Passover, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Memorial Day, and just yesterday, Independence Day, sequestered in our homes in the shadow of the Corona crisis.

I am writing this letter not only to inquire about your wellbeing, encourage you, and give you strength in these difficult times for all of us, but also to inform you of several important and immediate updates affecting each and every one.

As you are well aware, we are in the midst of a dynamic situation that changes daily according to Health Ministry directives, but for now, it would appear that at the beginning of next week, we will commence the long and gradual transition back to normal activity (or, to be exact, a return to the new routine under Corona).

I would like to stress that –

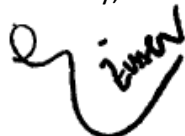
1. Instruction will continue online, as has been the case for the past several weeks.
With regard to exams:
2. Make-up exams for first semester courses (2019-2020), for which an alternative task could not be offered, will take place in the very near future. The faculties will determine new exam dates for these courses (for which, as mentioned, no alternative task could be given instead of an in-class exam). The new exam dates will be announced as soon as possible, well enough in advance to allow you to prepare for them, but please regard this letter as encouragement to start preparing and going over the material for the exams.

3. Second semester exams: Guidelines for carrying out exams for second semester and for yearly courses will be announced in the coming weeks, and dates will be set for those courses requiring in-class exams.
4. New dates for the submission of seminar papers will also be announced in the course of next week.

All Faculty, School and Departmental Secretariats, as well as advisors and instructors, are at your service and you should not hesitate to contact them if you have any request or question.

I would like to wish you a belated happy Independence Day, and especially to wish the entire University community a quick and smooth return to a normal routine of studies and research –albeit the Corona normal.

Sincerely,



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