

**FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS**

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16 May 2020

Dear Students

This has been a very unusual year due to COVID-19, with many uncertainties and concerns about the academic year ahead. While CPUT aims to support every student to achieve academic success, the health and safety of our students is paramount. We trust that you are well and that you are ready to start the next phase of Academic Year 2020.

During the lockdown period from 07 April to date, our academic staff have been hard at work preparing lessons and learning materials for the recommencement of teaching & learning on 01 June 2020. South Africa is currently in Alert Level 4 Lockdown, and only essential workers and some industries/retailers are allowed to work and to trade. Schools and universities are still in lockdown which means that students and staff are not allowed on campus at this time and will be required to work from home. Teaching and learning will take place remotely, using various teaching, learning and assessment methods, such as using hard copy notes, completing assignments, e-learning via Blackboard and other forms (modalities) as decided by your lecturer.

Students who do not have a laptop, data or internet connectivity will be supported with hard copy study packs for teaching and learning until arrangements are made for all students to participate in e-learning activities.

All students are reminded to check that their contact details (telephone numbers and addresses) provided to CPUT are correct, so that CPUT may reach you as required.

Teaching and learning will be a combination of working with lecturers, working with peers and/or student support, but a large component of learning will be independent self-study. This will require a measure of self-discipline to ensure that you complete the necessary sections of work and submit your assessments on time. Your department and lecturers will communicate the revised time-table for the new terms, starting from 01 June 2020 – 11 December 2020. CPUT aims to complete Academic Year 2020 according to the revised time-table, without compromising on teaching and learning time. The revised time-table has the

same number of teaching and learning weeks as the original academic calendar, and lecturers will use this time to provide an optimal teaching and learning experience.

In preparation for the continuation of the academic programme on 01 June, students are reminded to:

- Be safe – wash your hands regularly; use hand sanitiser; maintain physical distance; wear a cloth mask when you leave home; leave home for essential reasons only;
- Plan a study programme that includes lecture time, tutorials and self-study time;
- Plan a study/support group with friends or with a tutor;
- Download the BlackBoard App onto your mobile phone, or on someone's phone that you might be able to use;
- Check your mail and work daily – your lecturers will be communicating with you daily, either via WhatsApp or on Blackboard.
- Maintain contact with your peers and lecturer if you are unsure of information or if you need assistance.

As I sign off I wish to remind you of the following,

**As a CPUT student or staff member you
DON'T have to deal with it alone!
We are here to help you**

Contact the
South African
Depression &
Anxiety Group on
0800 456 789

Or Lifeline
0861 322 322
Or contact the 24 hour
Suicide Emergency line
0800 567 567

Or WhatsApp
063 709 2620
Or SMS
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REMEMBER WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Sincerely,



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