

New semester lectures to prevent the spread of new coronavirus infections

To all Osaka University students

As you know from reports, there is a possibility that the spread of the new coronavirus will occur in the Kansai area, which is a metropolitan area. We are pleased to announce that we have decided to conduct the following lectures online as a result of putting health and safety first while ensuring learning opportunities.

1. Policy for implementing lectures in the spring and summer semesters of 2020:

(1) Classes will be conducted according to the standard academic calendar in 2020 and will begin on 9 April (Thursday).

However, all university-wide general education subjects provided by the Center for Education in Liberal Arts and Sciences (CELAS), major subjects for the first year of undergraduate courses, and teaching certificate subjects will start on 20 April (Monday).

(2) A "Special Consideration Period" is in effect until 30 April (Thursday), and **all classes during this period** will be covered by the Osaka University Collaboration and Learning Environment (hereinafter referred to as "Osaka University CLE").

(3) In addition to Osaka University CLE and Osaka University KOAN (Student Information System, hereinafter referred to as "Osaka University KOAN"), various online tools (such as Zoom) may be used. For details, please follow the instructions of each class instructor.

2. When studying in the Cybermedia Center or at an OU library or lecture room with internet access, please pay attention to the following points:

(1) Wear a mask.

(2) Maintain a sufficient distance from those sitting around you (practice social distancing). Leave at least one seat empty between you and your neighbors.

(3) Do not speak or have conversations at short distances.

(4) Wash your hands while on campus.

3. Regarding the Special Consideration Period

The Special Consideration Period is in effect until 30 April (Thursday).

We will notify you again of how to proceed after the end of the consecutive holidays (Golden Week) in early May by 30 April (Thursday), taking into account the social situation at that time.

4. Please understand that our policies may experience rapid changes in the future due to the social situation.

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