

(English Translated Version) Kasetsart University Announcement Regarding Blended Online and Classroom Operation Measures, Examinations, and Academic Assessment for Second Semester of Academic Year 2020 consistent with the Easing of Restriction Measures in the Vicinity of Kasetsart University Issue 24

In accordance with the Safety Measures and Guidelines to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, Kasetsart University Announcement Issue 23 (dated 02 January 2021) and following the meeting between the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation and the Thailand university presidents on 25 January 2021, concerning COVID-19 Safety Measures and Guidelines for Easing Restrictions, the universities in Thailand are directed to manage course instruction methods appropriate to the COVID-19 situation in each area where classes take place. Classes may be conducted using blended online and in-classroom methods of instruction that comply with safety health guidelines that protect students and staff. The universities are directed to cooperate by following the Safety Measures and Precautions of the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) and also to strictly follow the safety measures of each province.

By virtue of the authority granted by Section 37 of Kasetsart University Act B.E. 2558, KU hereby provides the following guidelines for class operations, examinations and academic assessments for the second semester of academic year 2020.

1. Faculties, colleges, and campuses shall conduct class operations, examinations and academic assessments using appropriate hybrid-based methods that take into consideration the situation of each campus area, under the supervision of course instructors. Any subjects that can be conducted using online formats, shall do so. Other academic activities that require in-classroom or laboratory practices, may be operated accordingly. Furthermore, if a large number of students are enrolled and unable to safely attend classes (in accordance with previously announced measures) at the same time, the lecturer may determine dates, times and the number of students that may appropriately attend the class in person. The lecturer shall give advance notice to students.

In all circumstances, faculties, colleges and campuses shall monitor in-class operations to ensure all academic activities strictly comply with safety measures and practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- 2. In situations where students are unable to attend class because they resided in or travel through a maximum controlled restricted area (Red Zone), the student must inform the instructor. Instead of in-classroom attendance, instructors should organize and assign appropriate alternative teaching methods or assignments, and should not mark the student absent.
- 3. Practicum workplace education, internships, and training programs where students are placed in a company or organization that is not located in a maximum controlled area (Red Zone) may continue under the supervision of instructors, faculties, or colleges. If an emergency health situation arises, the emergency must be reported to the university immediately.
- 4. Faculties, departments, institutes and offices shall take appropriate steps to ensure the blended or alternative teaching methods and other announced measures are fully implemented.

This announcement is effective from 1 February 2021 until further notice, depending on the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, all administrators of the faculty, staff and students are requested to stay alert to updated news and announcements as published on the university website.

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