

Announcement on the Extension of Online Remote Learning (Undergraduate)

Health and safety of the campus community is the top priority at Sogang University. With the threat of COVID-19 still prevalent, we have decided to offer spring 2020 courses online until further notice.

■ Online Courses Period Extended

All of the undergraduate program courses will be offered online, and this policy will continue throughout the whole semester. The original plan of switching to “offline” learning from April 13 is now withdrawn.

■ Intensive Experiment Sessions

For the lab experiment courses in the School of Engineering and the School of Natural Sciences, “Intensive Experiment Sessions” will be assigned in June, and students will be required to take part in them. Further information will be shared to the students by the respective courses/departments.

■ Final Examination Period

- Courses *not* involving lab experiments: June 15-20 (identical to the previous calendar)
- Courses involving lab experiments: June 22-27 (postponed)

■ Regarding Freshmen Induction Programs (Sogang full-time students)

- *Albatross Seminar*: spring programs will be cancelled and be postponed to fall semester.
 - * The courses that have already switched to remote learning may not be cancelled.
- *Reflection and Development*: spring programs will be cancelled and be postponed to fall semester.
 - ※ For more information, please inquire the Sogang Institute for Whole Person Education.

■ Summer Semester Postponed by One Week: June 29 - July 17

- ※ The updated Academic Calendar will be announced shortly.

■ Regarding Academic Administration

1. Grade Evaluations

Grade evaluations for the spring semester will be made according to **absolute grading scale**, not according to the curve. The decision has been made due to remote learning, which made communication between the lecturers and the students relatively difficult and inefficient.

2. Mid-term and Final Examinations

Considering the loss of contact hours due to remote learning, the **mid-term examinations have been called off** and regular classes will take place during this period instead. For some courses that mid-term examinations are inevitable, **the tests will be administered remotely.** The COVID-19 Committee in the senior management is currently discussing whether the final examinations will be offered online or offline, and it will be announced later.

3. Re-enrollment Policy (Sogang full-time students)

For the courses that are being offered online in the current semester, we anticipate that some students would like to re-enroll in them when the course becomes available offline in the future. The university will take into account the pros and cons of the policy and consider easing the conventional re-enrollment policy to better accommodate the students' needs.

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