

## Q&A: AY 2021 Spring Semester Classes

**Q. How will spring semester courses be implemented?**

A. **The majority of classes will be held simultaneously in-person and online via Zoom (On-Campus + Zoom style).** In order to prevent crowding in classrooms during in-person classes, **students will be split into two groups, odds and evens, based on the last number of their Student ID and switch between attending class in-person and on Zoom weekly.** Odd-numbered students will attend class in-person in the first week, then via Zoom in the second week.

**◆ Example of In-Person + Zoom Style Classes (classes divided based on even or odd ID number)**

| Week     |  | Odd-Numbered Students             | Even-Numbered Students |
|----------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Week 1   | Mon, April 12 -<br>Fri, April 16, 2021 | On Campus                         | via Zoom               |
| Week 2   | Mon, April 19 -<br>Fri, April 23, 2021 | via Zoom                          | On Campus              |
| Week 3 + |  | Repeat Patterns from Week 1 and 2 |                        |

**Q. Can students take class only via Zoom, not on campus?**

A. A major unique characteristic of APU is our multicultural campus where students from all over the world gather together to study, and the university's perspective is that APU students' learning and experiences both in and out of the classroom have a large impact on their growth. As such, **the university strongly recommends that students attend class on campus and via Zoom as directed. However, it will be possible to take class via Zoom only.**

**Q. Will required Japanese and English classes also be held On-Campus + Zoom style?**

A. Required language courses have small class sizes, and it is difficult to implement them simultaneously in-person and online as in On-Campus + Zoom style classes. As such, **language courses will be split into even and odd classes, and all the students in that class will take class in the same format, then the following week take classes in the other format (Switch-style).**

For example, in Week 1 all students in the class will take class on campus, and in the following week all of them will take all classes on Zoom, Switch-style.

Classes can be organized based on whether student's ID numbers are even or odd so that they will align with the weeks those student groups are supposed to take class on campus (Ex: the week students are scheduled to take lecture classes on campus they will also take language classes on campus.) However, **unlike lecture subjects, in-person and Zoom versions of a single class are**

**not held simultaneously, so it will not be possible to take these classes via Zoom only (Zoom-only classes will be held for students with chronic illnesses or who cannot enter the country.)**

◆ **Example of Switch-style Classes (classes organized based on even or odd ID number)**

| Week     |  | Class A (Odd Numbers)             | Class B (Even Numbers) |
|----------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Week 1   | Mon, April 12 -<br>Fri, April 16, 2021 | On Campus                         | via Zoom               |
| Week 2   | Mon, April 19 -<br>Fri, April 23, 2021 | via Zoom                          | On Campus              |
| Week 3 + |  | Repeat Patterns from Week 1 and 2 |                        |

**Q. Will all spring semester classes be held On-Campus + Zoom style or Switch style throughout the semester?**

A. In principle, all spring semester courses will be held On-Campus + Zoom style or Switch style. However, after about two weeks we will check the on-campus situation (no. of students taking on-campus classes, etc.), **and from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week on it might become possible for all students to take classes on campus.** (Students registered in Zoom-only classes will continue to take their classes online.)

**Q. If we take class on campus do we need to bring our computers?**

A. In some courses, students taking the course via Zoom and students in the classroom may work on groupwork together. Please confirm with each course instructor regarding whether you should bring your computer to on-campus classes. Please be sure to update your Zoom application to the latest version before class starts.

**Q. Can we borrow a computer or Wi-Fi router to take classes online via Zoom?**

A. Computers, Wi-Fi routers, webcams, etc. will not be lent out. **Please prepare your own.** It is possible to use the on-campus Wi-Fi.

**Q. Can we hold club/circle activities such as meetings and practices on campus?**

A. Clubs and circles registered with the university must submit an application when planning activities. The office will confirm that adequate preventative measures are in place before approving activities. Please confirm other extracurricular activities with the Student Office.

**Q. If it is my week to take class on Zoom, can I take my Zoom classes from on-campus? Also, if it is my week to take classes on Zoom can I still participate in extracurricular activities on**

**campus?**

- A. **It is possible to come to campus to take Zoom classes, do TA work, or participate in other extracurricular activities such as circle activities.** However, please do not join class in-person during Zoom weeks (to help prevent crowding in the classroom). If you take an online class on campus please be aware that there will be a limited number of seats available in IPS rooms for attending online classes.

**Q. I plan to come to campus by bus, but I'm concerned about the COVID-19 risk on the bus.**

- A. **Oita Kotsu and Kamenoi bus are following the "Guidelines for Preventing COVID-19 Transmission on Buses" established by the Nihon Bus Association for their preventative measures.** If you still have concerns, please contact the Administration Office (campusad@apu.ac.jp).

In addition please be sure to wear a mask and avoid talking with others on the bus to ensure everyone can ride the bus with peace of mind.