

To Students,

Regarding Online Classes

As we watch the novel coronavirus spread further around the world, we believe all of our students are probably feeling very anxious these days.

As we have already announced, all AY 2020 spring semester first quarter classes (from April 22 to June 14) will be held online via the Zoom online meeting system.

If we were not faced with this situation, you all would be planning to come to campus with your friends from around the world to learn together on APU's unique multicultural campus. We understand that taking online classes is very different from studying in APU's multicultural environment, but the faculty and staff of APU have decided to implement online classes because we believe it is important to prevent the coronavirus from holding students back from their studies and achieving their goals and dreams.

This is the first time the university has tried to hold classes online. Right now all the faculty and staff are working as hard as we can to prepare in the limited time before classes start. We must ensure students will be able to achieve the same level of learning that they would in a physical classroom while dealing with each of the issues that come with holding online classes as they occur. Even so, we cannot say that we are fully prepared. This is the first time our faculty members are attempting to hold online classes, so we can only prepare as best we can and proceed through trial and error.

There may be some errors or issues that occur when you take your online classes. However, we would like to ask you to consider your role as a member of the APU community, and make the necessary preparations to participate in online classes.

In dealing with this difficult situation it is essential we receive not only the cooperation and understanding of faculty and staff, but also our students. As One APU, let's all do our best as faculty, staff, and students of the APU community.

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