

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY
POSTGRADUATE (PG) STUDENTS INSTRUCTIONS FOR RE-OPENING OF
THE UNIVERSITY - SPRING 2021

To be read in conjunction with Guidelines issued time to time from HEC and NUST for COVID-19 Environment. Any revision in these guidelines will be communicated through CMS

1. Introduction

NUST plans to conduct ESE in FTF mode followed by resumption of spring 2021 semester as per the Acad Program placed on NUST web portal & CMS on 5 January 2021. Detail of guidelines have been prepared in this regard for strict adherence by University management, faculty and students

2. Reopening Plan – PG (Spring Semester 2021)

The conduct of ESE and Spring 2021 semester is planned in phased manners to ensure that students' density in class rooms etc does not exceed 50% of the designed capacity.

3. Final Assessment

- a. ESE will be conducted from 22nd Feb 2021 to 27th Feb 2021 in FTF mode.
- b. **Regular Classes.** Regular classes of Spring semester 2021 will start from 1st March 2021 in FTF / DL mode as per details mentioned at **para 7a.**
- c. FBS will be conducted within two weeks after the completion of ESE.
- d. Any student desirous to repeat a course will be allowed to register within one week after announcement of result.
- e. Students failing to attend the FTF ESE will be given I grade to be cleared as per provisions available in the NUST Statutes.
- f. Hostelites arriving without valid PCR COVID-19 test report will not be allowed to sit in the exam. Any students finding it difficult to undertake the PCR COVID-19 test will inform the DD Hostel and his / her institute well in advance and report to hostels 5 days before the schedule joining date so that the test could be carried out by hostel management.

4. Arrival Procedure for Hostel Students – PG

All the Hostel Students will reach hostels on 19th February 2021 with required documentations, i.e., PCR test reports, affidavit and Health declaration, details given in para 8. After joining, Students shall not leave the campus (Hostel) except in emergency situation.

5. Arrival Procedure for Day Scholars – PG

All the Day scholars will report to university along with the required documentations i.e, affidavit, Health declaration etc, details given in para 7. Day scholars will join the university as per para 2 (a & b).

6. Transport Plan

Students availing the transport will be informed by Deputy Director Transport according to their groups.

7. Conduct of Classes

Hostel students and day scholars will be grouped separately. This will ensure that hostel students do not come into contact with day scholars. Day scholars and Hostel Students will attend 50% classes in Face-to-Face (FTF) Mode & 50% in Distance Learning (DL) mode but on alternate dates. Classes will continue in the hybrid mode until HEC / GoP allows conduct of classes with full strength. Methodology of Fall 2020 will be used.

- a. The schedule for the first two weeks would be as follows:

Week#	Mode	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st Week from March 01, 2021	FTF	Hostel Students	Day Scholars	Hostel Students	Day Scholars	Hostel Students
	DL	Day Scholars	Hostel Students	Day Scholars	Hostel Students	Day Scholars
2 nd Week from March 08, 2021	FTF	Day Scholars	Hostel Students	Day Scholars	Hostel Students	Day Scholars
	DL	Hostel Students	Day Scholars	Hostel Students	Day Scholars	Hostel Students

- b. Effectively day scholars will come to university for 5 days every 2 weeks. However, the option of FTF and DL Mode will be available to all students. Every student would be facilitated to attend at least 50% classes in FTF mode on alternate days/dates.

- c. PG student in research phase who essentially require lab facility at NUST premises will also be grouped separately i.e. hostel students and day scholars to be called on alternative days.
- d. All assessments (OHT, Mid Semester and End Semester Exams) will be carried out in FTF.
- e. Students will have the option of attending all lectures in DL mode by taking full responsibility for understanding of the content and consequently the grades earned. Any student, who chooses the DL mode, would have to inform the parent institution in a timely manner (*within the first week of the month for which he/she is going to attend classes in DL Mode in case there is a change in the existing mode*) by submitting the certificate (Anx C), and such students will not have provision to attend classes in FTF mode for that particular month. **This arrangement will however not be workable for hostel students.**
- f. In case of concerns about attending classes during COVID-19, the student may choose to defer the semester according to NUST statutes.

8. Instructions For Institutions On Day Scholars' Day.

Institutions to ensure that Day Scholars and Hostelites are not called on the same day for any activity. In order to ensure that Hostelites do not interact with Day Scholars, they will be grouped separately. Followings instructions must be ensured by Schools / Institutes, Security and Hostel Branch on Day Scholars day: -

- a. Ensure that strict COVID-19 SOPs be adhered to during convening of classes and research activities.
- b. Institutes to ensure that PGs are not kept in the School beyond 09:00 pm.
- c. School administration in coordination with Security Branch to ensure that Day Scholars leave the Campus on following timings, straight moving from respective School to the main exit gates, without visiting any Café or other places by 09:30 pm
- d. Alumni / Students from constituent colleges should only be allowed to visit the Campus on Day Scholars' Day.

- e. Day Scholars, Alumni and Students from constituent colleges are also not allowed on weekends and holidays.
 - f. On violation of above mentioned instructions, strict disciplinary action will be taken against Day Scholars.
- 9. Administrative / Hostel Instructions. (Same as per UG instruction and Annexures thereof)**