



Dear Bachelor of Management student,

This note provides an update about plans for the Bachelor of Management for Winter Session 2021, Term 1 and 2. We'll have further news for you in a few weeks, once more detailed arrangements have been made. (Please remember, the Faculty of Management is only responsible for delivering MGMT courses. If you are taking a course offered by another faculty, you'll need to verify the mode of delivery with that faculty.)

As you will perhaps have seen from the recent UBC announcement, based on current immunization timelines in BC and vaccine approvals, and with strong and effective safety plans in place, UBC is planning for more in-person activity on-campus for the Winter Session commencing in September 2021.

In line with that announcement, we aim to reintroduce increased on-campus learning experiences for Bachelor of Management students in September, assuming it is allowed by public health conditions. Because we recognize that the individual circumstances of students mean that a return to campus might not be possible for everyone, we also want to let all of you know that we will combine any return to campus activity with an ongoing commitment to online access to MGMT courses in Winter Session 2021, Term 1 and 2. We are working with students to explore the options for on-campus learning experiences, and how those experiences can combine with online access.

We are extremely keen for us all to return safely to our distinctive, on-campus focus as soon as possible. A return to more campus-based activity is fantastic news, but no one solution will work for every Bachelor of Management student. The Faculty has a uniquely diverse student body – e.g., 55% of Bachelor of Management students come from outside BC, and over 30% of the total come from countries around the world – and Bachelor of Management students face very different individual circumstances – e.g., global access to vaccines is not equitable, and some students are especially concerned about being on campus and transmitting COVID-19 back to their communities.

We will do our utmost to offer as many on-campus learning experiences as safely as possible for everyone who is able to take them up, while also ensuring that on-campus learning is not a requirement for MGMT courses. It will be possible to complete all MGMT courses online, and all Faculty organised co-curricular and extracurricular activities online, in Winter Session 2021, Term 1 and 2. We will strive to ensure that no one, whether on campus or off, will be disadvantaged in their learning experience.

It is not yet clear what forms our on-campus activity might take – that will need further thought, discussion and planning over the coming weeks. We will need to accommodate the diverse circumstances, challenges and pressures facing all students, faculty and staff. We



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remain aware that any plans need to be flexible and adaptable, as conditions may change during the course of the year.

To explore possibilities for on-campus activity, and to stimulate discussion amongst everyone involved with the Faculty, in early February we established a working group. It comprises five students across multiple years of study, and four faculty and staff. The working group aims to disseminate an initial report about its thinking by the end of April.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via fom.bmgt@ubc.ca. In any case, we will send more news in due course.

Best,

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