

Dear Students,

First of all, I would like to welcome all our students – current and first-year – to IUT, and wish you great success in the new stage of your academic life. IUT will take you closer to achieving your career goals and you will remember for a lifetime every moment continuously grown with the IUT family. I hope that you stay in the best of your health and eagerly wait for a new academic year.

During the unprecedented and challenging period we have experienced in the 2020 spring semester, both faculty and staff at IUT worked very hard to get started providing online lectures. Ever since its beginning, IUT online education has been improved every step in learning environment while meeting the needs of students and parents. Taking this chance, on behalf of IUT, I would like to thank once again everyone for their cooperation and support. However, under the on-going pandemic situation in the country as well as the global world, we are faced with a dilemma that we should follow quarantine measures in force on one side and make sure to continue students' studies without interruption on the other.

Primarily considering the health and safety concerns of all members of IUT and strictly complying with the government policy against the spread of COIV-19, IUT has decided to open the 2020 fall semester in the online mode. Nevertheless, we will try our best to maintain the educational belief that the prime objective of offering online lecture classes is to provide our students with quality education even during this challenging time so that you should get benefited from the rich knowledge without any distractions in your studies.

With the guideline of the Ministry of Education in Korea and the academic rules of INHA University, the following measures will be taken and applied in the upcoming 2020 fall semester, which is quite different from the previous semesters.

- (1) The classes shall be conducted **online** during 2020 fall semester;
- (2) The **attendance** of students will be checked every week through undertaking online quiz or forum (or other method can be proposed by the professor);
- (3) The **real-time interaction sessions** with the professor will be held every week using zoom conference (or other method can be proposed by the professor);
- (4) The grading policy for the 2020 fall semester shall be applied as an **absolute grading** system. The **evaluation criteria** will be notified through syllabus.

For details, the Academic Affairs department has prepared the “IUT Academic Affairs Guideline of 2020 Fall Semester (Students)” which is attached herewith. To help you successfully complete this semester with online classes, we will be ready to support you in every way as possible.

It would be great if I could meet your healthy smile on campus in a very near future. Throughout this difficult time, no matter what, please do not let go of passion for your dream and perseverance toward your goal. Please be considerate and helpful to those students staying in remote areas and relatively difficult environments. My sincere hope is that all students always have pride and confidence as the IUT family.

Wishing you all the best.

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