Campus Reopening
Student Guidelines
Fall 2021 - 2022
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Dear Students,

Emirates College for Advanced Education (ECAE) announces the re-opening of the campus and returning to in-person courses for the Fall 2021-22 semester, with measures to manage operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you are aware, the College abruptly switched to Remote/Distance Learning mode by offering its programs online since 08 March 2020 upon receiving instructions from the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Department of Knowledge and Education in Abu Dhabi (ADEK). The past academic year (2020-2021) was completed entirely online via remote study mode for students in compliance with these instructions. During the summer, ECAE received guidelines to plan for the potential re-opening of campus in the next academic year. i.e., Fall 2021-2022. A task force was created to devise plans for phased re-opening and starting operations on campus: the plans were thoroughly reviewed by the ECAE Senior Management Team before submission to ADEK. The re-opening plans are guided by the following principles:

- Community Health and Well-being is ECAE’s main priority.
- Government Directives and Health Authority guidelines guide management decisions to ensure safe teaching, learning, and research during the pandemic.
- Policies and decision-making processes are effectively communicated to all stakeholders, acknowledging the considerable uncertainty.
- Standards of learning, teaching, and research are sustained during remote, on-campus, or hybrid modes.

The pandemic-led exercise from disruption to re-opening made us all deeply appreciate the value of firm faith, knowledge, shared experiences and vibrant bonds of our campus community. It is not only the quality of academic programs and the faculty that attracts our students but also the immersive learning experience offering a variety of enriching co-curricular and community engagement opportunities.

As much as we are eager to open and operate 'normal', the uncertainty of the situation demands caution and vigilance in terms of the safety and well-being of our community without compromising the quality of engaged and rigorous education. Given this situation, campus life will be a different experience in the fall, with all community members playing an important role in mitigating the disease. The resilience and resourcefulness shown by our students, faculty, and staff in the face of unprecedented challenges assure us that ECAE will continue to find ways for transformative education.
This document is a short guideline for students about rules and regulations while attending classes on campus. This document may be changed or amended without notice, as directed by the authorities concerned or the relevant authorities of the Government or the Emirate, at any time, depending on developments.

Academic Year Ahead

Have a great Academic Year 2021 - 2022
Fast Facts

- **Study Starts**
  22 August 2021

- **Campus Access**
  Gate 4

- **Face Mask**

- **Social Distancing**

- **PCR Test**

- **Sanitize Hands & Surfaces**
ECAE’s priority is the health and safety of all employees and students; therefore, the College supports and adheres to government directions when re-opening the campus in Fall 2021 to protect students, staff, faculty, and their families. All students are encouraged to start planning for fall semester as soon as possible by reviewing the important deadlines and other information provided here.

**Start Date**

Semester 1 (Fall 2021-2022) classes are scheduled to start **August 22**: refer to Academic Calendar for other important dates and plans.

**Before You Come**

It is compulsory for all students over the age of 12 years and vaccine recipients to conduct a **PCR test** before returning to study.

**Vaccination** is compulsory from 16 years of age or older to enter the educational establishments. Those who obtained a certificate of exemption from vaccination will follow the procedures approved by the concerned authorities.

Download the **“SEHA” App** on mobile devices and book an appointment with a SEHA trusted health provider.

Download and register on the **“ALHOSN” App** which provides you with a unique barcode and the test results.

**Symptoms**

- **FEVER**
- **COUGH**
- **SHORTNESS OF BREATH**
- **SORE THROAT**
- **HEADACHE**

**Notify** Student Services/Faculty in case you or any of the family members have COVID-19 symptoms and follow DOH and ADPHC recommended precautions.
When You Come

Enter the building from **Gate 4** and let the security staff scan the QR code of the ALHOSN application: COVID test result should be negative. A thermal camera monitors the temperature of all individuals entering the building.

Regularly **wash hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer.

Keep **Safe Distance** (1m) and, when possible, increase physical space between yourself and other students/faculty.

**Avoid Gatherings** as grouping together is not allowed on all premises of ECAE (corridors, offices, entrances, parking areas, etc.) outside the class time.
We urge the public to follow all preventive measures issued by official health authorities in the country with regard to the new Coronavirus, and not to circulate rumors or any information published by unauthenticated sources.
Campus Health and Well-being Measures

**Cleaning, Sanitizing and Protective Equipment**

ECAE premises are cleaned and sanitized every weekend. Regular checks are done to ensure that all sanitization stations and entrances sanitization systems are appropriately maintained.

The **sanitizing tunnels** at the entrance gates are installed to be permanently used.

**Hand sanitizers** are distributed in all areas (corridors, meeting rooms, classrooms, etc.)

**Face Masks** (in the proper way) and gloves are mandatory on campus (all the time). Face masks and gloves are available at the main reception entrance and first-floor reception.

**Cash payment** is NOT permitted, and contactless payment options are encouraged.
**Social Distancing**

In order to maintain the required safe social distance, students are distributed in the **classrooms** with 2m space between them. One seat is occupied, and two are kept empty in the computer, Science and Neuroscience **Labs** to maintain social distance.

Dining tables in the **coffee shop** are kept 2 meters apart and only two individuals can be seated per table.

Only one individual can be seated on the **common area** sofas. The **Library reading area** is arranged to maintain the 2 meters safe social distance between students.

**Other Precautionary Measures**

All **social areas** are closed until further notice.

**Prayer rooms** remain closed: bring your own prayer mat.

**Changing rooms** for sports/gymnasium are closed.

**Avoid touching** or using other students’ phones, desks, laptops, or other work tools and equipment.

**Sanctions**

Students breaching Covid-19 safety measures will be reported to the Student Services and Human Resources for necessary action.
ECAE follows MoE and ADEK’s instructions on students resuming their studies on campus. ECAE is prepared to continue delivering its programs entirely online, through a blended mode of delivery, or fully on-campus. Below are the guidelines that are to be followed when students are back on campus.

**Teaching and Learning**

The *teaching schedule* will be organized to avoid having all cohorts attending classes at the same time.

**Student Week Orientation** for the new cohorts will be conducted online to avoid gathering. Technology will be used to organize *group work* in the classroom, where students contribute online instead of grouping.

Faculty teach some courses concurrently to students from Abu Dhabi, Ajman and Al Ain using a video conferencing system (*Virtual Classroom*); thus faculty will interact with fewer students face-to-face.

**Faculty** will remain in front of the class during teaching and will keep 2 meters social distance, and move around the class wearing face mask.

Students must bring their *own devices* such as laptops and tablets to use in the classroom.

Courses that include *guest speakers* or lecturers will be delivered online instead of face-to-face.
Assessments

Mid-term and final examinations will be completed face-to-face, and computer-based exams will be organized to allow the required distancing between students in computer labs and classrooms.

Group Work assessments are completed outside class time, and students should use technology to engage in collaboration, discussions of tasks, and writing reports.

Face-to-face presentations are done in the classrooms following preventive measures of social distancing and wearing face masks.

Labs Access

Computer and Science labs remain locked, and faculty and student usage are managed through the booking system.

The Neuroscience Team restricts student access to the Neuroscience Lab.
Off-Campus...

Stay Connected

ECAE uses Instagram, Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn to communicate with social platforms’ audiences.

Stay Informed

Updates on the plan and guidance for students and stakeholders are accessible via the main page of the ECAE website.

Students and employees are updated via emails regarding any news or directives circulated about the pandemic from government authorities.

Stay Safe

Use Face Mask when in public areas.

Maintain Social Distance and avoid gatherings.

Regularly wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.