

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

25 February 2025

RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON LECTURES

Dear staff and students

Following a joint meeting of DUT's Executive Management Committee (EMC) and Senate Executive Committee (Senex), we wish to inform you that **in-person lectures will resume on all seven campuses tomorrow, Wednesday, 26 February 2025.**

According to the approved University calendar, lectures were scheduled to commence on Monday, 10 February 2025. Unfortunately, this was intentionally disrupted by a group of rogue elements, citing registration delays of returning students, which has since been resolved.

Despite a number of positive measures implemented by the University, including allowing affected students to attend lectures during the late registration period and providing transitional accommodation to eligible students, this group of protestors escalated their disruptions through violent actions, endangering staff and students and damaging University property on Monday, 17 February 2025.

In response to the violent protests last Monday, an urgent meeting of EMC and Senex was convened at the time, resulting in the temporary suspension of lectures on Tuesday, 18 February 2025, to transition to temporary, online teaching and learning on Wednesday, 19 February 2025.

The decision to resume face-to-face lectures is based on the latest registration numbers as of Monday, 24 February 2025. This return to on-campus lectures aims to:

- Minimise reliance on online assessments during the Q1 assessment cycle.
- Facilitate catch-up teaching, particularly for First-Time Entering New (FTEN) students.
- Enhance general academic orientation.
- Provide access to laboratories for practical work and clinical training.

We appreciate your understanding and patience during this challenging period. DUT remains committed to maintaining a safe and conducive learning environment and look forward to welcoming students back to campus.



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We also remind affected students that they are still **allowed to attend lectures while sorting out any registration challenges until Friday, 07 March 2025.**

Thank you for your cooperation and we wish you a safe and successful semester.

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