

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

17 February 2025

Dear staff and students

### UPDATE ON CAMPUS OPERATIONS

Durban University of Technology (DUT) is immensely concerned by the disruptions on some of our campuses, caused by a group of protestors, many of whom are not registered students. They appear to be influenced by criminal elements, intent on compromising the safety and wellbeing of staff and students.

Following the violent protest action, members of the Executive Management Committee (EMC) and the Senate Executive Committee (Senex) met to discuss campus operations. The violence, intimidation and blatant disregard for the rights of others that was witnessed today only strengthen DUT's resolve. The university will not yield to the demands of criminals. We remain committed to constructive and meaningful engagement on student-related matters exclusively through the Student Representative Council (SRC).

EMC/Senex has decided to **temporarily suspend lectures on Tuesday, 18 February 2025**. Online lectures will commence on Wednesday, 19 February 2025 and be in place until further notice.

The temporary pause to the academic programme will be on all seven DUT campuses. The university is not shutdown. Campus is open; however, the academic programme is temporarily suspended for one day. Staff are expected to be at their workstations during this time. Late registration for students will continue. If there are any further developments, we will inform you via an official statement.

DUT will not tolerate further disruptions to campus operations. Law enforcement authorities are currently on alert to ensure that the criminal protestors, who are in breach of a High Court Interdict, are arrested and charged. We have already positively identified some of the culprits.

The university understands that the situation is unsettling and traumatising for many students and staff who were victims of the violence and intimidation perpetrated by balaclava clad protestors on campus. If students require counselling or trauma support, please contact [Student Counselling & Health](#). Members of staff can contact Employee Wellness toll-free, on **0800 004 770** or SMS their name to **31581**.

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As per the statement published via the [DUT website](#) and on the DUT PinBoard (staff email system) and DUT4life (student email accounts) earlier today, the university urges all students to finalise their late registration by Friday, **07 March 2025**, to avoid any potential complications or disruptions to their academic journey.

The team at Student Admissions is available to assist first-time entering students, while the relevant Faculty office remains prepared to support returning/continuing students with their late registration process. For further registration information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

We remind all staff and students to please remain vigilant against misinformation, particularly on social media. Please access official DUT statements, which are shared via DUT PinBoard (for staff), DUT4life (for students) and published on the DUT website (Highlights, on the homepage).

Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure a safe and conducive learning environment.

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