

Dear Part III student,

On behalf of the Faculty, it is my pleasure to welcome you back to Part III for the Lent term. I hope you had a restful and productive break, and look forward to the start of Lent term lectures and other activities.

The Faculty is planning to deliver the great majority of Part III teaching, learning and support activities in person during the upcoming term, subject to government and University guidance. Some teaching may be delivered online for pedagogical reasons, or where a member of staff is unable to teach in person, or in the first few days of term while some lecture courses are likely to be oversubscribed.

This email contains important information about the precautions we all need to take in view of the high degree of transmissibility of the Omicron variant. It also gives details about lecture course enrolment and examples class registration for the Lent term. ***We kindly ask that you take the time to read it carefully.***

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(1) For the first four days of lectures in the Lent term (Thursday 20th - Monday 24th January 2022, inclusive), ***Part III students will be asked to attend lectures according to their College affiliation*** to avoid overcrowding of CMS lecture theatres while Part III students settle on their course choices at the start of term.

As was the case at the start of the Michaelmas term, students are considered to be in Group A if they are a member of one of the following Colleges:
St Catharine's, Christ's, Churchill, Clare, Clare Hall, Darwin, Emmanuel, Fitzwilliam, Hughes Hall, St John's, King's, Lucy Cavendish, Murray Edwards, Peterhouse, Robinson, Sidney Sussex, Trinity Hall, Wolfson
Students in Group A should attend lectures in person only on Thursday 20th and Monday 24th January.

Students are considered to be in Group B if they are a member of one of the following Colleges:
Corpus Christi, Downing, St Edmund's, Girton, Gonville & Caius, Homerton, Jesus, Magdalene, Newnham, Pembroke, Queens', Selwyn, Trinity
Students in Group B should attend lectures in person only on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd January.

Please note that this arrangement applies to ***lectures only***, and you should attend all examples classes during this period that you are registered for.

From Tuesday 25th January onwards, and until further notice, all Part III students will be able to attend lectures in the CMS in person provided there is sufficient seating space in the lecture room. ***In the event that there are no spare seats in the lecture room when you arrive, you must not stand or sit at the back of the room or in the aisles***, but instead find a suitable space—either on site or in your College—to follow the live-stream or watch the recording.

(2) On-Site Expectations. The latest version of the CMS Covid Protocol is available at https://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/internal/versioned_file/covid19/return-to-cms/current, and we ask that you familiarise yourself with the relevant sections.

In line with government guidance, students are expected to demonstrate consideration for their peers and CMS staff by wearing face coverings at all times while indoors on site. Your face covering should consist of at least 2 layers of fabric (the World Health Organization recommends 3, depending on the fabric used). Social distancing is encouraged where possible, in lecture theatres and elsewhere on site.

To avoid pinch points, students should ***enter via the main entrance to CMS and leave via other exits.*** The main staircase leading down to lecture rooms should only be used by students for going ***down*** from the Central Core. If you need to get from a lecture in one of the lecture rooms downstairs (MR2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, or 14) to one in Pavilion B (MR9 or MR11), please exit the building by one of the side exits in the basement, walk along the carpark/bicycle racks towards Pavilion B and take the external stairs up to the first or second floor of Pavilion B for MR9 and MR11, respectively. You may return from MR9 or MR11 to the remaining meeting rooms via the bridge connecting Pavilion B to the Central Core.

Please continue to ***vacate lecture rooms promptly*** after the lecture ends.

(3) Testing, Reporting and Vaccination. As a reminder, ***if you experience symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, or have had a positive test (PCR or LFT) you must not attend in person at CMS,*** and follow the guidance at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus/stay-safe-cambridge-uni>. This also applies if someone else in your household experiences symptoms or has had a positive test.

The University continues to offer swab tests to students who display symptoms, and those who are asked to take a test because they are close contacts of somebody with confirmed COVID-19. You may book a test at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus/stay-safe-cambridge-uni/university-testing-pods>. In addition, you should familiarise yourself with the University's testing arrangements for the start of the Lent term, detailed at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus/stay-safe-cambridge-uni/asymptomatic-covid-19-screening-programme/2022-lent-term-testing-arrangements>.

If you test positive, you must let your College know and fill in the Covid Monitoring Form at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus/stay-safe-cambridge-uni/covid-helpdesk>. It will also help speed up contact tracing on site if you email partiii-secretary@maths.cam.ac.uk with the date you developed symptoms (if applicable), and a list of the lectures, classes and other events you attended at CMS in the days prior to your positive test. This information will be used to encourage others who have attended to get tested as a precautionary measure.

The University continues to urge all students and staff to get vaccinated. There will be two ***additional vaccination clinics*** in Cambridge this week, at the following times.

Tuesday 18 January: 10.00 to 17.00

Wednesday 19 January: 09.30 to 12.30 (half day)

These will be at the Guildhall, Market Square CB2 3QJ. Both sessions are walk-in only with no need for an appointment.

(4) Lecture List, Recordings and Moodle Enrolment. The ***updated lecture list*** for the Lent term is available at <https://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/undergrad/lecturelists>. Please check this carefully as some room assignments will have changed. (You might have to refresh your browser.)

Those courses that are delivered remotely until further notice are marked with an asterisk. For lectures that are delivered remotely, students may use the rooms indicated on the lecture list to 'attend' lectures remotely in real time on their own device, subject to occupancy limits. You will need to bring your own laptop/tablet with headphones.

Please note that in line with University policy, all lecture material for examinable courses will be available in recorded form via Moodle. Where possible, lectures will be live-streamed. Due to a shortage of lecture capture facilities, non-examinable graduate courses may not be live-streamed or recorded.

Enrolment for individual lecture course Moodles opens by the end of day on Tuesday, 18 January (tomorrow), and the Part III Secretary will email you with details in due course. Please address any queries about or issues with Moodle enrolment to partiii-secretary@maths.cam.ac.uk in the first instance.

(5) Examples Class Registration. Registration for Lent term examples classes will open on Monday, 24 January, and you will be notified of this by email. Registration will close at midnight on Saturday, 29 January, and this deadline will need to be strictly adhered to. Examples class groups will be published, alongside the complete timetable, by the end of Wednesday of the following week.

(6) Academic Support. The Part III Secretary will be advertising *study group sign-ups* and *drop-in sessions* in due course. Last but not least, we have three *Wednesday afternoon events* coming up this term, which we encourage you to attend. In view of the high degree of transmissibility of Omicron, it has been decided that *the Part III Cafe should not be held at the beginning of term*, although this decision will be kept under continual review.

26 January: Writing your essay

9 February: All about exams

3 March: Revision strategies

These will all be recorded, and details will be circulated nearer the time.

I wish you all a healthy, successful and enjoyable term!

Best wishes,
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