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**Notification**

In view of the present level of uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic worldwide, the academic schedule for the rest of the present semester (2019-2020-II Semester) needs to be revised. After several rounds of discussions, following decisions have been taken, keeping in mind the health and wellbeing of our students, quality of education and career plans of graduating students:

- The summer vacation period has now been preponed and the present break will continue as vacation till May 31, 2020.
- Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year BS/BS-MS students, Integrated Ph.D. and Ph.D. students for remaining 2019-20-II Semester will resume on June 1, 2020.
- The other details about the academic calendar for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year BS/BS-MS students, Integrated Ph.D. and Ph.D. students for remaining 2019-20-II Semester can be found in the attached file.
- Accordingly there will be some changes in schedule for 2020-21-I Semester. The updated calendar will be uploaded on the website.

**Special provisions have been made for the students graduating this year (5<sup>th</sup> year BS/BS-MS, 3<sup>rd</sup> year I-PhD students and PhD students submitting the thesis)**

- 5<sup>th</sup> year BS-MS and 3<sup>rd</sup> year I-PhD students will submit the thesis online by May 1, 2020. Other important dates about can be found in the attached revised calendar.
- Evaluation of MS thesis will be based on the reports submitted by students. Final MS thesis presentation will not be conducted this year. Departments will frame the policy of evaluation and inform the students accordingly.
- Though the evaluation will be done through online submission, but students are encouraged to come back and finish their pending work, if any, once the institute re-opens. No-dues and other formalities related to obtaining the respective degrees will not be online, students will need complete those formalities once the institute re-opens, duly consulting respective PIs.
- For the final year students taking courses (5<sup>th</sup> year BS/BS-MS and 3<sup>rd</sup> year I-PhD students), faculty members will send the reading material/ assignments/ homework etc. to the students for course completion. There will not be any formal end-semester

examinations for these students. However, students will be evaluated separately in all the courses they are enrolled in by respective instructors based on performance in mid-semester examination, quizzes, assignments, homework, take home tests etc.

- For, Ph.D. students, who wish to submit the thesis soon, PI/DPGC, can conduct the open seminar and viva-voce through video conference (skype/zoom etc.) after completing the requisite requirements and taking the necessary permission, as per the existing rules.

**Summer internship of IISER Bhopal for this year stands cancelled.** Further, please note that under these circumstances, no student will be allowed to proceed on summer internship abroad.

Institute will continue to remain in the lockdown mode as per the Government advisory and research students will be allowed to return to the campus after it is found safe. Unless informed by IISER Bhopal, no students should return to the campus.

I wish you and your family a good health.

Dean, Academic Affairs

# Revised Academic Calendar for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year BS/BS-MS students, Integrated Ph.D. and Ph.D. students

2019-20-II Semester, 2019-20-III Semester (Summer), and 2020-21-I Semester

| Events   | 2019-20-II Semester               | 2019-20-III Semester<br>(Summer) | 2020-21-I Semester  |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Tentative Registration for New Students                    |                                   | -                                | July 31, 2020 (Fri)<br>Integrated Ph.D. and Ph.D.   |
|  |                                   |                                  | Aug 1-2, 2020 (Sat-Sun)<br>BS/BS-MS (Dual Degree)<br>(Based on the JAC-2020 Admissions)         |
| Last Date of Late Registration for New Students            |                                   | -                                | Aug 7, 2020 (Fri)   |
| Classes Commence   |                                   | -                                | Aug 3, 2020 (Mon)<br><br>(Dates for New BS/BS-MS Students will depend on JAC – 2020 Admissions) |
| Last Date of Add/Drop of courses on Shiksha                |                                   | -                                | Aug 10, 2020 (Mon)  |
| Last Date for Submission of Registration Documents to AA   |                                   | -                                | Aug 12, 2020 (Wed)  |
| <b>Safety Day</b>  |                                   | -                                | <b>August 29, 2020 (Sat)</b>  |
| Last Date for Dropping Overload Course                     |                                   | -                                | Aug 31, 2020 (Mon)  |
| Last date for document submission                          |                                   | -                                | Sep 30, 2020 (Wed)  |
| Mid-Semester SRS   |                                   | -                                | Sep 8 – 18, 2020<br>(Mon – Wed)   |
| Mid-Semester Examination                                   |                                   | -                                | Sep 19 – 27, 2020<br>(Sat – Sun)  |
| Mid-Semester Recess  |                                   | -                                | Oct 18 – 25, 2020<br>(Sun – Sun)  |
| Last date of summer vacation                               | May 31, 2020 (Sun)                | -                                | -   |
| Classes Resume   | Jun 1, 2020 (Mon)                 | -                                | Oct 26, 2020 (Mon)  |
| Students' Reaction Survey and Pre-registration             | June 22 – 26, 2020<br>(Mon – Fri) | -                                | Nov 9 – 13, 2020<br>(Mon – Fri)   |
| Last day of Classes  | July 3, 2020 (Fri)                | -                                | Nov 20, 2020 (Fri)  |
| End-Semester Examination                                   | July 6 – 15, 2020<br>(Mon – Wed)  | -                                | Nov 23 – Dec 02, 2020<br>(Mon – Wed)  |
| Make-up Examination  | -                                 | -                                | Dec 7 – 8, 2020<br>(Mon – Tue)  |
| Last date for Grade Submission and Conversion of 'I' Grade | July 17, 2020 (Fri)               | -                                | Dec 09, 2020 (Wed)  |
| Vacation   | Pre-Sem Recess                    |                                  | Dec 3 – 30, 2020<br>(Thu-Wed)   |

| Re-examination 2020                               |                            |
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| Registration                                      | July 22-23, 2020 (Wed-Thu) |
| Examination                                       | July 25-28, 2020 (Sat-Tue) |
| Last date for Grade Submission for Re-examination | July 29, 2020 (Wed)        |

- **Any escalation of the pandemic will result in the revision of the said schedule**

## **Academic plan for graduating students (5<sup>th</sup> year BS-MS/3<sup>rd</sup> year Integrated Ph.D. Students)**

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| Online Thesis Submission   | May 1, 2020 (Fri)<br>(All submission will be electronic) |
| Online Thesis Evaluation by the Department                                       | May 4 – 9, 2020 (Mon – Fri)                              |
| Last date for Grade Submission for theis and courses and Conversion of 'I' Grade | May 15, 2020 (Fri)                                       |

- 1) Evaluation of the MS thesis will be based on the reports submitted by students. Final MS thesis presentation will not be conducted this year. Departments will frame the policy of evaluation and inform the students accordingly.
- 2) For the final year students taking courses (5th year BS-MS and 3rd year I-Phd students), faculty members will send the reading material/assignments/homework etc. to the students for course completion. There will not be any formal end-semester examinations for these students. However, Students will be evaluated separately in all courses they are enrolled in by respective instructors based on performance in mid-semester examination, quizzes, assignments, homework, take home tests etc. in a reasonable manner given the present situation.