



July 1, 2020

To academic staff, accompanying academic staff, administrative staff, students, and all Technion partners,

In accordance with the new Public Health Order (New Corona Virus) (Restricting Activities of Educational Institutions) (Temporary Order) (Amendment No. 12), published on June 30, 2020, we will not be able to hold exams in the physical presence of students at the Technion campus as of Sunday, July 5, 2020. **Therefore, as of this date, the arrangement for the Spring Semester courses (and the completion of the Winter Semester) will be as follows: Exams will be conducted online or via an alternative methods determined by the lecturer in coordination with the Faculty Dean.** The Undergraduate Studies Administration, along with the Division of Computing and Information Systems, the Center for Promotion of Learning, the Graduate School, the academic units and many other units at the Technion, are currently working on establishing an online exam platform and setting up appropriate exam procedures. The guidelines for preparing for the digital exams will be published by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of the Graduate School. Please stay tuned, read these guidelines carefully and comply with them.

The Public Health Order mentioned above also states that in some cases, physical exams may be conducted in accordance to specific instructions set by the Council for Higher Education with the consent of the Director General of the Ministry of Health. However, we emphasize that at this time that no specific instructions have been received, so we must prepare for alternatives that do not include the physical presence of students. If there are any changes, we will bring them to your attention as soon as possible. Lecturers are requested to keep up to date with current information and circulate updates to students through the course websites. Students are asked to stay tuned, follow the information on the course sites, and prepare for online examinations in courses that adopt this format.

Finally, I would like to highlight that we are facing a challenging goal that is stretching the scope of the Technion's teaching, learning and examination system to new frontiers. Furthermore, online exam operations stretch the boundaries of personal, value-based responsibility. As with any exam period, the key to success in online exams is studying, preparation, and an in-depth knowledge of the material. Correspondingly an uncompromising preservation of integrity, fairness and validity of exams is expected. The combination of these principals will ensure a fair and relevant assessment and provide appropriate reflection of the student's grade .

Wishing everyone good luck on their exams and continued good health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O. Rabinovitch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Professor Oded Rabinovitch

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