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In efforts to flatten the curve in the face of rising confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country, President Duterte announced the extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over the entire Luzon until April 30. In consideration of such, the university shall implement revised guidelines and adjustments in the Academic Calendar for the Senior High School, Tertiary Education, and Graduate Studies Departments for the remainder of SY 2019-2020.

For the Senior High School Department, face-to-face classes will no longer resume, consistent with the memorandum issued by the Department of Education last March 15, 2020 (DepEd Memorandum No. 42 s. 2020). Instead, it will follow the approved adjusted Academic Calendar below:

Activity

Date

Online Learning Period	March 16–April 14, 2020
Break from Online Learning Period	April 15–May 15, 2020
Submission of Student Requirements	May 18–22, 2020
Last Day of Submission of Final Grades	May 29, 2020
Initial Deliberation of Graduating Students	June 3, 2020
Online Term Remedial Classes	June 1-5, 2020
Online Summer Remedial Program	June 8-19, 2020
Last Day of Submission of Recomputed Grades	June 26, 2020
Final Deliberation of Graduating Students	July 1, 2020

Final Examinations will no longer be administered. Final grades will be computed based on class standing (written and performance tasks) that will be transmuted according to the DepEd memorandum.



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In cases where a student has a failing class standing, he/she will be included in the Online Term Remedial Classes that is scheduled on June 1-5, 2020. Directed content and assessment will focus on areas where the student is deficient. In addition, a separate Online Summer Remedial Program is set on June 8-19, 2020. This is for all students who missed the Term Remedial Classes for Terms 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

Grade 11 students who failed to attend any of the remedial classes will be given undertakings prior to enrollment in Grade 12.

The scheduled commencement exercises on May 9, 2020 is postponed on a later date. A separate announcement will be provided regarding this matter.

Depending on our nation's health situation, a July opening for SY 2020-2021 is tentatively scheduled.

For the Tertiary Education and Graduate Studies Departments, the following adjusted Academic Calendar shall be adopted:

Activity	Date
Online Learning Period	March 16–April 14, 2020
Break from Online Learning Period	April 15–May 15, 2020
Resumption of Classes	May 18, 2020
Make-up Classes	May 18–June 13, 2020
Last Day of Thesis Defenses	June 13, 2020
Final Examinations	June 15–20, 2020
Last Day of Submission of Final Grades	June 27, 2020
Deliberation of Graduating Students	July 3, 2020
Commencement Exercises	August 1, 2020
Enrolment Period for Term 1, SY 2020-2021	June 29–July 4, 2020
Start of Classes (TED)	July 6, 2020
Start of Classes (Graduate Studies)	July 11, 2020



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Note that classes will resume on May 18, as the university has elected to delay the re-opening of classes after the lifting of the ECQ for ten (10) days so that it could adopt additional measures to safeguard the health and safety of its returning students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Make-up classes shall be devoted to finishing and validating all requirements, and in reviewing and supplementing all lessons and learning materials that were sent online. This period shall also be an opportunity for students who were not able to participate in any online learning activity during the ECQ.

Students who will not be able to take the final exams will be given a grade of NFE. Furthermore, TED and Graduate Studies students shall be given ONE (1) YEAR to comply and apply for change of grade.

On student research, the College Research Team led by the College Dean, shall evaluate all student theses and shall review each case based on our internally-approved process. Students are asked to communicate with them directly for specific concerns.

In consideration of such extraordinary situation brought by the current crisis, all grades this term shall be excluded from the policy on GPA for retention, scholarship, and honors.

With the enormity and scale of this health emergency, all students, faculty, and staff are additionally and strongly encouraged to seek psychological support to our Guidance and Counseling Services by reaching out to their Facebook page and email communication lines.



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On a final note, De La Salle Araneta University assures its entire community that it continues to strictly follow the crisis response plan that was developed by its Crisis Management Council at the onset of the COVID-19 health crisis and which places the highest priority on the health and safety of its students, staff, and other stakeholders. To this end, the university is committed to regularly assess the health situation in the country and to immediately disseminate any relevant information to its community as soon as it becomes available. In the same manner, the university continues to enjoin all members of the university community to heed the pronouncements of our national government, particularly on staying at home so that we do not, directly or indirectly, contribute to the spread of the virus.

Keep safe everyone!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bjorn S. Santos".

Dr. Bjorn S. Santos

President