

April 9, 2020 – Information for current students: 2020 academic calendar changes and online learning

Dear student,

Thank you for your support over the past few weeks, particularly in light of these challenging times. Your resilience and capacity to adapt to new and difficult challenges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been inspiring. I acknowledge there will continue to be a period of adjustment as we learn to teach in new ways, but I am confident we will get through this together.

As well as implementing online learning and teaching until the end of Trimester 1, we have also adjusted our academic calendar for the remainder of 2020. This means the Trimester 2 start date has moved to 15 June. We hope these changes will support you to continue with your studies. Importantly, you will have an extra three weeks before Trimester 2 to adjust to any unforeseen personal circumstances that you may be facing as a result of COVID-19. We will use this time wisely to ensure you enjoy a rewarding and engaging online learning experience in Trimester 2.

What are the changes to the academic calendar?

1. All classes will continue to be taught online until the end of Trimester 1, as well as next trimester.

All ACAP campuses will be closed from 19 May until 15 June (adding three weeks to the break period after Trimester 1, before Trimester 2 commences). Visit the [ACAP Online Campus page](#) for the latest updates on campus closures.

2. There is no study break during Trimester 2 or Trimester 3
3. The Trimester 2 start date has moved to 15 June
4. The Trimester 3 start date has moved to 28 September.

To view the complete 2020 academic calendar, including Trimester 3 dates, please [click here](#).

Timetable requirements

Due to the change in delivery mode, you are required to adjust your Trimester 2 timetable. Once you log in to the Student Portal you will be prompted to enrol into both a lecture and tutorial.

Please note:

- This timetable adjustment is a new requirement
- Lectures are marked by an X in the timetable
- The above does not apply if you are enrolling in an online unit. Enrolment into online units remains the same.

Please note that the Student Portal will be closed for re-enrolments from Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 April in order to apply technical changes.

An ACAP Course Adviser will contact students who have already enrolled into units to help move them to the revised structure. Please take this opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Activities during the extended trimester break

We are currently developing a range of learning activities that you may want to engage in during the break between Trimester 1 and Trimester 2. These will be available to any enrolled student and will provide opportunities for further professional development - as well as helping you to stay connected with your learning community. We will provide more information in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well, use this time to focus on your studies and most importantly, look out for each other. While access may be restricted to your campus, ACAP staff are here to help, and we encourage you to reach out to the Student Experience team on StudentCentral@acap.edu.au or on the Online Reception Desk via Zoom at acap.zoom.us/j/660235497.

Please continue to refer to the following ACAP web pages for further information and for access to useful resources:

- [COVID-19 updates](#)
- [ACAP Online Campus](#)
- [ACAP Library](#)

Kind regards,
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