Finally – we’re meeting! After almost a year of distance, disconnection, and many hours of screen time, all of us – the academic faculty, administrative staff, and those of us in the undergraduate studies department – are happy and excited for your return to campus.

In honor of the occasion, we are working around the clock to prepare the campus for the start of the Spring Semester, which will commence on March 21, 2021. We are preparing the physical infrastructure that will enable frontal/in-person teaching and learning within the framework of the Green Pass, and will enable courses that include hands-on experience to operate according to the Purple Badge by developing and utilizing an integrated (hybrid) learning format, equipping the classrooms with cameras and multimedia equipment, and implementing procedures that will ensure meaningful learning while still adhering to strict measures to maintain the health of us all.

As we have shared in our previous announcements, we will begin the next semester with integrated (hybrid) learning within the Green Pass framework. Class sessions will take place in the classrooms with a limited number of students who possess the Green Pass. At the same time, class sessions will be broadcasted online for students who either do not have a Green Pass or are unable to attend classes on campus. All of the lectures and exercises will be recorded and will be made accessible to students for learning purposes (we reiterate – only for learning purposes) until the end of the exam period.

Teaching laboratories, workshops, and other practical training activities that cannot take place online, will be permitted for all students and will operate under the conditions and restrictions of the Purple Badge, such that groups of up to 20 students will be permitted in an enclosed area that meets conditions that allow for a distance of 2 meters between each individual and that comply with all safety guidelines. Detailed guidelines for being physically present in classrooms and laboratories are posted on the website. Please read the guidelines carefully and adhere to them for your own health, the health of your friends, and for us all to be able to conduct academic activity on campus.

Students who live in dormitories and who do not possess a Green Pass/vaccination certificate must complete a daily health declaration form prior to entering laboratories/workshops. Completing the health declaration form is critical for preventing the spread of infections, especially in purple areas in which students without the Green Pass also participate. Please be sure to adhere to this requirement. A student who is discovered to have entered without a health declaration will be subject to disciplinary action.

In accordance with the law, we do not have information on the percentage of those vaccinated among the students and faculty, however we call upon the entire Technion community – faculty members and students alike – to get vaccinated. The protocol in green areas is to display your Green Pass on the table next to you. Even though it is not mandatory for lecturers and teaching assistants, we invite them to do the same.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health’s guidelines, we will not fill classrooms to capacity, even in green areas, and there will be marked spaces in the classrooms that are to remain empty. Please adhere to this, as it is your responsibility. Registration to attend class sessions can be done in one of
the following ways, depending on the decision of the lecturer. Registration instructions will be announced a few days prior to the start of the semester and will be posted on the Moodle site:

1. First come, first serve – using the existing form on the course’s Moodle site.
2. Different approach that will be determined by the teaching team of the course.

Please do not register for a class session if you do not plan to attend so that there will be space for others to register! Certainly, you should not attend class sessions if you have not registered.

Active participation in the class session among students who are attending from home can be done either through the chat or by using the microphone, depending on the instructions provided by the lecturer or teaching assistant at the start of the semester.

In some courses, in which there is more than one lecture or practicum group, the lecturer may decide in advance that one of the groups will participate online only. Each course will have at least one group that will participate in an integrated (hybrid) manner.

For the sake of the health of everyone who is present in the classroom, please follow all of the instructions: sit in marked spaces only, wear a mask at all times, and do not eat in the classrooms.

Finally, we emphasize that students’ conduct on campus, in accordance with the guidelines of the Green Pass or Purple Badge, is the responsibility of the students. These responsibilities include those that regard registering and attending class, avoiding gatherings/crowds, adhering to protection and hygiene measures, displaying the Green Pass, etc. These responsibilities are extremely important, for your health, for the health of your friends, and for maintaining peaceful and respectful conduct on campus. In cases in which there is no other choice and harm is caused due to a breach of the rules, the Security Unit will enforce guidelines as necessary, and we will not hesitate to take disciplinary action as per the disciplinary regulations. We aim to not utilize the Security Unit’s services, and certainly to not need to appeal to the disciplinary court and we except that you join us in this goal.

I wish us all good health, good luck and see you soon in the campus.

Sincerely yours,

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