

GRADUATE SCHOOL ONLINE EDUCATION PLAN DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

- All courses including seminar will be performed using ZOOM online platform. For an exemplary 3-hour online course, the general guidelines are as follows: (i) video recording a 2-hour lecture before the class hour, (ii) sharing this video recording with the students before the class hour along with other additional online materials, (iii) performing an interactive (in-class discussions, question/answers, etc.) synchronized 1-hour class, and (iv) sharing additional online materials or performing additional online activities (discussion groups, homeworks, projects) after the synchronized class.
- Instructors who, for some academic reasons, are not able to execute their online class following the above-mentioned guidelines are expected to propose their online course plan to the head of their graduate program and get an official approval.
- Ph.D. Proficiency, Ph.D. Thesis Proposal/Follow-up, Ph.D./M.Sc. Thesis Defense Exams will be performed using online meeting/teaching/exam ZOOM platform. The video of these exams should be recorded during the exam and should be submitted to the graduate school afterwards. Signed official documents should be collected as scanned copies via email and should be submitted to the graduate school only via email for now. The original copies of these documents should be submitted to the graduate school after the pandemic ends.
- The final exams of the graduate levels courses will be done using online platform (e.g., open book or take-home exams) if the course's final exam is suitable to be done this way. If not, the final exam will be postponed. The new final exam schedule will be announced by the university. The other assessments/evaluations for midterm exams, quizzes, homeworks, etc. will be performed by the instructors using online platform during the semester. The syllabi of the graduate courses are expected to be revised by the instructors considering the new style and requirements of the online education.
- If a graduate level thesis study does not require a laboratory work, thesis will be followed and guided by the Ph.D. advisors using online platform. During this time, students are encouraged to focus on literature search, article reading-writing, scientific knowledge/academic English improvement studies. If a laboratory work is required for a graduate level thesis using the university's facilities, the proper decision to this end will be made by the Ph.D. advisor and the student taking necessary precautions and limiting the number of researchers interacting during laboratory work.
- For any specific content of the graduate school education that could not be performed due to pandemic-related obvious reasons, such as thesis research studies lacking necessary materials or laboratory courses, make-up condensed courses will be offered during the summer semester after the pandemic ends.
- For any specific issue regarding the graduate online education that is not mentioned here, graduate school will continue to make new decisions upon requests.

Online resources for science laboratories:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18iVSIeOqKjj58xcR8dYJS5rYvzZ4X1UGLWhl3brRzCM/edit#gid=0>