



STUDY OPTIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

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Questions		Answer
1	Why is the IMM Graduate School offering various Study Options?	<p>The IMM Graduate School is responding to an increasing demand for flexible and modular study options. We aim to support working professionals, part-time students, and full-time students, whether studying on a campus or SSC or through distance education.</p> <p>The core rationale for the new model is to align modes of provisioning with advancements in digital pedagogy, ensure regulatory compliance regarding contact hour minimums and maximums, and improve student engagement and attendance through the structured integration of theory and practice.</p>

2	What are the Study Options?	<p>The following Study Options are available to students of the IMM Graduate School:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On Campus/SSC or Blended Hybrid 2. Blended Hybrid or 3. Distance Learning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Distance, b. Distance PLUS or c. Distance OPEN (Available from April 2026)
3	What is the Blended Hybrid Study Option?	<p>A combination of online and face-to-face lectures, combining flexible online attendance and engagement with face-to-face engagement. (IMM Graduate School students who are not located close to a Campus, SSC's but want to attend day classes).</p>
4	What is a Campus or SSC Study option?	<p>Study Option: In-person lectures where students and lecturers meet physically on-site (Campus or Student Support Centres (SSCs)).</p>
5	What is the Distance Study Option?	<p>This is a remote learning option with limited real-time interaction where students work independently using resources on the eLearn management system. Students can study from anywhere and access live evening lectures remotely while completing all assessments, including examinations, online. The option includes interactive study resources like recorded lectures, online discussions, interactive study guides and an online library to help with revision.</p>
6	What is the Distance PLUS Study Option?	<p>Students can study from anywhere with access to live remote lectures and online assessments through the learning management system. This option includes all the features of the standard Distance learning model but adds structured support activities like Exam Preparation Workshops. These workshops are facilitated by lecturers to help students learn revision strategies, practice exam-style questions unique to each module, and review key content.</p>

7	What is the Distance OPEN Study Option?	This Study Option features rolling or continuous registration, allowing students to apply and begin their studies at any point in the year. All learning is entirely asynchronous with no live lectures, enabling students to study whenever it best suits their personal schedules. Each module lasts thirteen weeks and includes recorded lectures, interactive resources, and guided study activities to ensure flexibility. The first intake for this Study Option will start their studies in April 2026.
8	How choices do students have to attend lectures with the 2026 Teaching Model?	<p><i>Blended Hybrid Undergraduate</i></p> <p>Daytime face-to-face lectures at a campus or SSC: 2 x 2.5 hours per week, option to join via Hybeflex for undergraduate students unable to attend in person. Evening online lectures: 1 x 2 hours per week as an alternative.</p> <p><i>Blended Hybrid Postgraduate</i></p> <p>Daytime face-to-face lectures at a campus or SSC: 2 x 2.5 hours per week. Evening online lectures: 1 x 2 hours per week as an alternative.</p> <p><i>Distance</i></p> <p>Distance PLUS and Distance: Evening online lectures hosted live: 1 x 2 hours per week.</p>
9	What is expected of students in their chosen Study Option?	Students need to spend at least 13 – 14 hours a week (7 days) per module. The model is designed to encourage critical thinking, peer learning and active engagement combining explanation, interaction, and application within a single teaching session.

10	How are lectures delivered?	Student-centred structured teaching session assisting students to engage with, understand and apply new concepts and theories. Within the same lecture, students are provided with the opportunity to apply new concepts to practical scenarios. The model is designed to encourage critical thinking, peer learning and active engagement combining explanation, interaction, and application within a single teaching session.
11	What are the academic benefits of the 2026 Teaching Model?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greater access and participation for students balancing work, family commitments, disability challenges, travel distance, or timetable constraints. ● Greater continuity of learning when work shifts, travel, illness, or family commitments disrupt attendance, because core learning activities remain available in flexible formats. ● Choice of structure and pace (more or fewer live lecture hours), supporting different learning preferences and strengthening self-regulation. ● Improved learning quality through blended design: live sessions focus on application, discussion, and feedback, while online components support consolidation through recordings and guided activities. ● More inclusive and equitable study experience, enabling comparable learning opportunities and support regardless of whether students attend mainly in-person (day) or engage partly/mostly online.
12	What is meant by synchronous learning?	Schedules must integrate real-time interactions (e.g., live lectures for Online and Face-to-face PLUS Hybrid) with asynchronous resources.
13	What is meant by asynchronous learning?	All learning is entirely asynchronous, meaning there are no live lectures, allowing students to study independently, when it best suits their personal schedules. Asynchronous resources (e.g., recorded lectures available on eLearn).

14	What are the fees for the various undergraduate Study Options?	Please refer to the fees per module, which are available on the IMM Graduate School website.
15	How much time will I spend attending lectures?	<p>On Campus/SSC's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Undergraduate: 65 hours per semester ● Postgraduate: 48 hours per semester <p>Distance: 24 hours</p> <p>Distance PLUS: 29 hours (including 5 hours of Exam Preparation Workshops).</p> <p>Distance OPEN: 0 hours</p>
16	What are Exam Preparation Workshops?	Exam Preparation Workshops are 2 X 2.5 hr sessions designed to help students prepare for final assessments. These study sessions are facilitated by the lecturer, where students learn revision strategies, practise exam-style questions specific to each module, review key content, and get tips on managing time and stress during the exam.
17	Are Exam Preparation Workshops recorded?	<p>Exam Preparation Workshops will not be recorded for students. Workshops are interactive and require active participation, so to watch passively will not be beneficial to the student.</p> <p>For institutional quality assurance purposes they will be recorded but will not be made available to students.</p>

18	Will my Study Option influence how and when I write my Final Assessment?	<p>Your Study Option will NOT influence your Final Assessment.</p> <p>Final Assessments (examinations) are open book online timed tests scheduled on specific days at the end of each semester. Academic Weeks: Week 1-5: Semester, Week 6: Semester break, Week 7-13: Semester, Week 14 & 15: Final Assessments.</p> <p><i>Distance OPEN runs on a different timetable, please consult the website for details.</i></p>
19	What happens if I cannot attend a live online lecture in the evening?	<p>Access to recorded online evening lectures are available within 48 hours.</p>
20	What happens if I have questions after viewing a recorded lecture?	<p>eDiscussion forums are available for student-lecturer interaction.</p>
21	Can I switch between Study Options?	<p>The flexibility within the Blended/Hybrid modes of study makes it possible for students to change between Study Options, subject to specific module requirements, during the registration period.</p>
22	How do I decide between Full-time and Part-time registration?	<p>To decide between full-time and part-time study, start by looking realistically at how many hours you can commit each week once you have accounted for work, family, and other responsibilities.</p> <p>Full-time study typically requires about 40 hours per week to keep up and complete modules within the prescribed timeframes.</p>

		<p>Part-time study is better suited if you need to balance study with employment and/or other commitments, as it allows you to take fewer modules per semester and progress at a slower, more manageable pace.</p>
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