



LEARNING PATHWAYS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

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Questions		Answer
1	Why is the IMM Graduate School offering various learning pathways?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Learning Pathways allow for flexible access to teaching or instruction based on student's needs and circumstances • Increased lecturer and tutor guided tuition of learning content according to student needs
2	What are the Learning Pathways?	Learning Pathways provide a choice of face-to-face and virtual lecture attendance. Each lecture and learning activity is offered in-person, synchronously online and asynchronously online. Students can decide how to attend lectures.
3	How do students attend lectures and tutorials in the Learning Pathways?	Students can choose one of three Learning Pathways. For further information please click here .
4	What is expected of students in the Learning Pathway of choice?	Students must be engaged and active participants, which means regular attendance of lectures and tutorials. Learning Pathway 3 students attend virtual tutorials. Learning Pathways 2 A-C attend face-to-face tutorials. If the Learning Pathway you have registered for, includes tutorials, compulsory attendance is required.

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5	How are Lectures delivered in the Learning Pathways?	Lectures are delivered simultaneously through classroom (face-to-face) and virtually (Parktown) in real time or they may be offered face-to-face only (Stellenbosch) or virtually only. The 2 hour evening lectures are recorded to enable ALL students (irrespective of the Learning Pathway they are on) to access the recording at a more convenient time.
6	What are the benefits of a variety of Learning Pathways for students?	<p>Students have the freedom to study when and where they want based on their own needs, preferences and desires.</p> <p>Within the various Learning Pathways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can choose face-to-face or virtual lectures • Students can choose how they attend classes weekly which will resolve scheduling conflicts • Increased lecture hours • Take control of how they want to study • Allows for adaptability to how you learn best • Purposeful engaging classes for deep learning • Opportunities for students to participate in collaborative learning virtually and in classroom settings • Develops a sense of community with fellow students who may be based anywhere in the world
7	What does a synchronous virtual Lecture mean?	Synchronous virtual Lectures mean students attend a lecture with the lecturer and other students, virtually in real time,
8	What does an asynchronous virtual lecture mean?	Asynchronous virtual Lectures mean that students don't always need to be online at the same time as their lecturer or fellow students. Students can conveniently access recorded Lectures when suitable.
9	What is a smart classroom?	Smart classrooms are high-tech classrooms that use digital equipment and innovative software to enrich learning and teaching and bridge geographical divides. Virtual and face-to-face students attend a lecture together.

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10	What are the fees related to the various Learning Pathways?	Refer to the IMM Graduate School website under Resources.
11	What is the difference between a tutorial and a lecture?	<p>Lecture: A lecture is managed by a subject expert who guides students to understand and learn principles, theories and models contained in subjects.</p> <p>Tutorial: A tutorial is personalised, student centred tuition provided to individual or small groups of students where students have the opportunity to apply new found knowledge and skills and solve problems under the guidance of subject expert tutors. Tutorials are included in Learning Pathways 2A-C and Learning Pathway 3.</p>
12	How much time do I spend in Lectures?	<p>Day time Lectures: 3 hours X 12 weeks = 36 hours</p> <p>Evening Lectures: 2 hours X 12 weeks = 24 hours</p>
13	How much time do I spend in Tutorials?	<p>Day time Tutorials: 2 hours X 12 weeks</p> <p>Evening and Saturdays Tutorials: 1 ½ hrs each week over 10 weeks</p>
14	What types of activities would a student typically participate in during a Tutorial?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may be divided into small groups to complete group activities/projects on campus and/or virtually - students can work in the class or in the knowledge centre or anywhere on campus for a period of time and then regroup in the classroom • Individual activities for application of new knowledge to real world scenarios, guided by the tutor • Tests on campus and/or online • Quizzes on campus and/or online • Research and information gathering on campus and/or online • One-on-one consultations with tutor on campus and/or online • Group project supervision on campus and/or online etc.

15	Will the Learning Pathway I chose, influence how I write my Final Assessment (examination) or submit my assignments?	No. All assessments at the IMM Graduate School are completed on eLearn. Final Assessments (examinations) are open book online timed tests scheduled on specific days at the end of each semester.
16	How do I decide which lecture and tutorial to attend?	Students need to consult the timetable available on the IMM Graduate School Website or at their nearest Campus or Student Support Centre. Consultants are available to assist students in making sure they choose the Learning Path that best suits their needs.
17	What happens if I can't attend a lecture?	Students who cannot, for some reason, attend a specific lecture, can access the recording of the evening lecture on eLearn - these recordings will be made available 48 hours after the lecture.
18	Are Tutorials recorded?	No. Tutorials are not recorded and therefore require compulsory attendance for students registered in Learning Pathways 2A-C and 3.
19	What happens if I have questions after viewing a recorded lecture?	Students who have questions about a lecture OR the learning content, can post questions on the eDiscussion Forum on eLearn.
20	Do students in Learning Pathway 2C attend the "Live Virtual 3 hour day Lectures" from home or from the Student Support Centre (SSC)? <i>These are the lectures being streamed from Parktown.</i>	Students have the choice of attending lectures from home or at an SSC should they need access to Wi-Fi. Students are required to attend Tutorials at the SSC.
21	Do students in Learning Pathway 1 have access to the "Virtual 2 hour evening Lectures" offered in Learning Pathway 3?	Students in Learning Pathway 1 do have access to Virtual Lectures offered in Learning Pathway 3,
22	Are the "Virtual 2 hour evening Lectures" in Parktown evening lectures being streamed?	Yes, this option is available for Learning Pathway 3 students and Learning Pathway 1 students on eLearn. Students in all Learning Pathways except Teach out modules, will have access to the evening lectures' recordings (Learning Pathway 2 included).

23	<p>Would it be possible for a student to register for two different Learning Pathways for different modules?</p> <p>An example: A student registers for module X1 under 1 and for module X2 under 2A.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>If a module is not offered at a Campus or SSC, the student can register for that module virtually. However, if you have chosen Pathway 2A you can't attend virtual Lectures or Tutorials as Learning Pathway 2A requires face-to-face attendance at the Stellenbosch Campus</p>
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