You are assigned to specific academic mentor. Academic mentor will be able to advise on study progress, future career, learning skills etc. Email to the mentor if you face any difficulties.

**ACADEMIC MENTOR**

Prof Tey Beng Ti is ready to support you whenever you meet problem during your study of CHE in Monash University Malaysia. He can be reached by: tey.beng.ti@monash.edu

**HEAD OF DISCIPLINE**

Dr. Tan Jully will be able to advise you if you have any query related to course progression and study plan. She can be reached by: tan.jully@monash.edu

**COURSE COORDINATOR**

Talk to your unit coordinator whenever you face challenge(s) during the semester. Unit coordinator will be the best person to guide your learning progression in the unit.

**UNIT COORDINATOR**

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**PEER MENTORS**

Peer mentors aims to provide you better insight of the online learning. They will able to guide you how to venture through the hard time about online learning. Contact them if you need some guides.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Family and friendships are two of the greatest facilitators during this hard time. Keep in touch with them.

**CAMPUS COUNSELLOR**

Meet the campus counsellors whenever you are in dilemmas and anxieties.

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What Your Peers Say About Online Learning...

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The greatest challenge of online learning would be to give full commitment to lectures and tutorials, especially when we are studying from the home environment. Sometimes, it is difficult to ask questions effectively through the online platform (zoom). However, all lectures, tutorials and consultation sessions are being recorded, hence, I would be able to access the resources repeatedly for revisions.

Message to juniors & peers:
I take this experience constructively, trying to build my self-discipline as we are all studying from our comfort zone. Essentially, consistent effort, dedication and discipline are the key to success when it comes to online learning during this pandemic. Stay calm, stay focused. Online classes might be tiring to the eyes and the mind, hence, try to do different tasks in a day, take frequent short breaks and maintain good discipline, which means to say, allocate your time wisely. Please do not hesitate to hit me up if you need any assistance!

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The biggest drawback for me about this MCO is not being able to do my lab based FYP which is supposed to be the highlight of my last semester and I am unable to spend time with my friends on my last semester. However, I know this is something beyond control. What I like about this online learning is I can learn at my own pace and this results in a more productive learning for me. There is also a lot of time saved from commuting which gives me more time. I can re-watch the recorded lecture and tutorial video at my own convenience whenever I needed to. With the recordings, I keep track of my studies better. I am a person who can adapt to new situation easily. Thus, I am getting used to this ‘study at home environment’.

Message to juniors & peers:
During online learning we tend to slack as sometimes we lost track of time and there is no peer pressure. That happened to me too a times. But I always create a daily schedule with the things I need to achieve for each day to keep me on track. In this way, I stayed productive. Being alone can be depressing too at times, so it’s always good to have occasional online gathering with friends. Email me so I can share with you some of my online learning tips.

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Initially I found it difficult to adapt, and I was worried that I could not keep track of the progress in the unit contents that it was supposed to complete each week. However, once I have found my learning pattern, I feel more capable of handling the workload. I find that self-discipline is the greatest challenge in managing online learning, yet online learning provides time-flexibility to learn whenever I want to.

**Message to all:**
Always remind yourself that the study time spent on each unit is always the same no matter at home or on campus, thus building self-discipline and learning how to avoid distraction or procrastination. Importantly, ensure that one’s mental health is not affected, as one is easy to give in to mental illness at this crucial time. Other than study time, one should allocate some time for fruitful activities that helps revitalize one’s mental condition. To improve one’s learning experience, one should actively attend the allocated online classes and ask questions regarding contents that are not clear. Moreover, one should take advantage of the recorded materials to revise back on contents that require more time to digest. Depending on one’s learning methods, one may conduct group discussion with their peers through online platforms. Email me if you would like to get some advice on how to cope with different learning environment.

The greatest challenge that I had found during the MCO in terms of online learning is that I am unable to access the facilities and software in the campus. Besides that, I face the difficulty in communicating with groupmates in assignments due to problems such as internet connection issues. However, I found way to solve the issues. With online learning, I can watch the lectures that I have missed as well as have the flexibility to schedule my own day. Also, a lot of time can be saved as most of the material can be found online. Personally, my experience with online learning has been interesting as it pushes me to find new means of studying and completing assignments and along the way, I am able to adopt a new mindset that anything is possible when you open up your perspective towards a problem.

**Message to all:**
To adapt to the online learning system during MCO is to take things one step at a time and pace yourselves as it takes time to get used to something new. Write me an email if helps needed, I am willing to share my learning experience and try to the best of my capabilities to help you in your endeavors.

Some tips to share with my fellow juniors and friends about how have I cope with online learning:
• Set daily reminders/draft out a timetable of your class schedule for the week.
• Try to work out a consistent allocated study time each day.
• Before each new week begins, list down the assignment/assessment deadlines required for the week.
• Keep in touch with your classmates.
• Keep track of your emails more regularly.
• Seek help when you need them.
• Have a breather and remember to take breaks.
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It cannot deny the fact that studying online will lead to procrastination in completing work on time which arises from study environment. However, there is bright side about online learning as well. Now, I can watch the recorded lecture or tutorial videos online at my preferred timing and review back at my own pace. This is something that is unlikely to happen during normal classes. Attending live lectures or tutorial sessions to ensure that I am on schedule with the course progression so I would not need to catch up a lot or miss some key concepts. My lecturers are willing to listen to my problem and happily help me to understand the relevant concept each time I approach them either in the form of email or Zoom Q&A session. Lastly, learning from home as well saved me some time from travelling frequently which I can use the time to rest and learn better later. Of course, let’s stay mentally and physically healthy together during this period.

Message to all:
Always ask the lecturer for clarification or watch the recorded videos again. I always believe that lecturers’ role is to provide guidance when we are learning new knowledge, while the exploration and understanding is still depending on the initiative of the student. Email me if you need some advise.

When MCO just started, it was difficult to adapt to academic changes and other changes like family time. It became really frustrating to not be able to accomplish as much. Slowly, things started getting better, clearer academic goals and path, parents started to become more understanding. I was able to see clearer of my responsibility as a student and as a family member. Now, I have adapted and learnt that I can only do my best in my roles and not give myself unnecessary stress. While I step out of my comfort zone to grow in all aspects, I must also allow myself some space to breathe. The greatest challenge faced is the low efficiency of getting work done. More time would have to be taken off from doing work so it is harder to get necessary things done in a day. Slowly, more and more school work will compile and become undone. However, with recorded lectures and tutorials are available and I can study at my own pace. Furthermore, I can always watch the videos again any time I need to.

Message to all:
• Have a rough plan for the week so you know how busy you can get through the week
• When the day ends, write down plan for the next day so you are prepared.
• Have breaks through the day (so you won’t be too tired and dread doing work).
• If you cannot allocate time for family responsibility, speak to your family so that they can help you.
• Drop me a line via email to get more helps if needed.

Contact Us If You Need Guidance About Online Learning.....

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”

— Thomas A. Edison