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**Dear Students,**

We want to welcome each of you to Daffodil International University (DIU)! You are about to begin one of the most exciting times in your life, and everyone in the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (FAHS) wants to help you to make your "DIU Experience" a fruitful, safe and enjoyable one!

For those of you are returning to your previously enrolled course, we are glad to have you back as you continue your journey to the final stage. We encourage you to embrace all your new friends who are just joining our community, and make them comfortable here. Your collective effort will be what you make it, and your opportunities will only be limited by the limits you place on yourself!!

You often hear that DIU is a special place, and it is! Its depth of character, traditions, diversity, commitment to academic excellence, as well as its beautiful natural surroundings of our permanent campus contribute to making DIU such an exemplary academic environment. This year, we have been ranked internationally among the top universities where only 5 Bangladeshi universities are enlisted. We are 2nd in the ranking among private universities in Bangladesh. Very reassuring to hear, isn’t it? However, we want you to enjoy these prides and take full advantage of everything FAHS, DIU offers. I also encourage you to get involved, to participate in students’ academic activities and to take part in the array of opportunities and initiatives hosted by FAHS and DIU throughout the year; and, in doing so, we inspire you to take appropriate personal and collective precautions against the deadly Coronavirus – COVID – 19.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the associated impacts are posing huge challenges – physical, mental, social and financial. It is raising many unknowns and imposing wrenching trade-offs between what is needed vs what is available. These crises are both national as well as global, their impacts are deeply affecting all sorts of people and minds. Our responses, as a university, were robust and rapid. We have fast moved to the online platform in order to protect the learning rights of our beloved students. Since then we have been working relentlessly to provide interactive, fair and user-friendly online teaching without compromising the quality of our teaching and pedagogical standards.

As you know that an online course is much more than a face-to-face course - it takes a significant time commitment from teachers as well as from you. We expect you to spend a considerable time for learning with a significant amount of reading. However, we have worked hard to make it all enjoyable!! It is for this reason, we say the course will take a new look from this semester. For students new to online learning, you can find resources for how to prepare yourself for the online learning environment by visiting the Blended Learning Centre (BLC) who are ready to provide support 24/7. Nevertheless, if you find yourself having trouble with course content, please contact me or your course tutor immediately. We will be able to help.

Again, welcome to FAHS and we look forward to you having a nice and wonderful DIU Experience! We are pretty sure you are so looking forward to the new semester!

Thanking you. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, thoughts, and even concerns. For more information about our faculty, please visit: <https://ph.daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/>

**Sincerely,**



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