

Guidance for IUP students regarding international exposure and other academic issues in the era of pandemic Covid - 19

All of IUP students are obliged to conduct an activity of international exposure (“I.E”) and internship. The academic handbook has explained that the IE may be (i) an exchange program; (ii) a dual degree program; (iii) a short course; (iv) an international conference; (v) an international publication; and (vi) an international competition. However, most countries currently suffer from pandemic of Covid 19; it may not be possible and/or convenience to conduct any of those activities, i.e. due to the temporary close of the immigration gate and/or policy to ensure the so called physical distancing. Moreover, the circular letter from the rectorate instruct all the international activities – including point (i) and (ii) above - shall be postponed due to the pandemic. This guidance attempts to explain on how things on I.E and internship are interpreted and handled at IUP Law UGM.

International exposure

Point (iii) to (vi) of the IE activities above remain valid; students are allowed to submit international publication, international conference, international competition, as long as it can be done via electronic means and therefore still adhere to the government policy on physical distancing. Those activities are not impossible, because for instance, some of the IUP students have just participated on international competition via online mechanism.

However, since many IUP students take short course as their IE, the management of IUP would like to highlight the following explanation. The management urges the students to take international online course offered by a reputable academic institution or international institution. A reputable academic institution is an institution with academic ranking (either by THES or Shanghai Ranking) at our peer or even better. International institution here may refer to reputable international NGO (Transparency International, Amnesty International, etc) or international organisation (UN and its arm organisations, WB, OECD).

The students are free to choose the topic of the course; it can be related with legal issue, or outside the law issue at all. When the **first** situation applies, the students can directly register and participate on the course; the students do not need to get any permission.

When the **latter** situation occurs, the students shall submit a request of permission through email richo.wibowo@ugm.ac.id cc iup.fh@ugm.ac.id with the title “Permission to take [the name of the course] through online course”. On that email you shall explain why and how the course will be related to develop your capacity as a law student (max 80 words). Within **three working days**, you shall obtain the reply from us.

Please make sure that you choose a course which is equal with your academic qualification. It is not advised to take a course for an advanced participant (let say, for mid-career of lawyers and researchers), or for senior high school students for instance.

The followings are links of course related to legal issue (most of those are free, but if you request for certificate, you may need to pay a small fee).

- List of course Harvard University, <https://online-learning.harvard.edu/catalog/free>; some of those discuss on contract law, <https://www.edx.org/course/contract-law-from-trust-to-promise-to-contract>; or justice, <https://www.edx.org/course/justice-2>
- Stanford University also offers interested online course, such as – but may not be limited to – Health and Human Rights, <https://www.classcentral.com/course/womens-health-human-rights-8615>; Comparative Equality Law, <https://www.classcentral.com/course/edx-comparative-equality-and-anti-discrimination-law-18121>
- UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), <https://www.unitar.org/event/about/free-courses>
- Other alternatives, <https://www.classcentral.com/collection/ivy-league-moocs>

As it has been explained above, you may also take a course which may not be related to legal issue at all, for instance China and Communism (<https://www.edx.org/course/china-and-communism>), if let say, as a lawyer, you wish to understand China and its mind set and system as one of the Indonesia largest economic partner.

Or, a course on Negotiation (<https://www.classcentral.com/course/novoed-introduction-to-negotiation-2263>) which is related to a course at IUP.

The above links are merely examples. You can find other courses which you consider more relevant, as long as it complies with the requirements set at the beginning of this guidance.

After the accomplishment of the program, the students shall report to the IUP secretariat and shall enclose the evidence of registration and certificate. If the pandemic situation still occurs, then it may be submitted through electronic means. Otherwise, it may be submitted in classical way. The technical issue on the matter will be informed later.

This IE guidance applies for IUP students batch 2017 and older batches (2016, 2015). By so doing, it is hoped these students who have not conducted IE can be possible to finalise their study on time by conducting online short course. Other batches may participate on online short course, but unfortunately cannot use its participation and certificate as the fulfilment of the IE requirement, except IUP and/or faculty has decided differently in the future.

Since the short courses may be varied in terms of their starting program, and this flexible policy may be a temporary policy for responding the pandemic, then the students are advised to participate the short course at the earliest of the opportunity before any policy alteration.

Other issues – internship

Some students submit a question on IUP policy for internship. Will internship be replaced by a course – as it is suggested by a circular letter issued by UGM vice rector? if so, which course that can be taken? Indeed, we have prepared some scenarios. Nonetheless, the final answers for these questions will not be published in a short coming period since (i) the internship at this semester has just been accomplished; and (ii) the period of study plan (“KRS”) for the next semester is still somewhat later. Hence, we will inform the matter approximately one or two weeks before the period of study plan is opened. The decision will be made based on the evaluation of the later situation.

Other issues – bachelor thesis defence and other update information

The system of thesis defence will be the same with the system in regular program. The document is uploaded in our IUP website along with this guidance.

The update information regarding to our school responding Covid 19 can be checked through <http://law.ugm.ac.id/category/pengumuman/>

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Stay alert and stay safe; our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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Warmest regards,

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