

Dear Students,

First and foremost, let me extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you for securing a seat in our prestigious institution of higher learning, proudly ranked by the Times Higher Education (THE). It is a true pleasure to welcome you to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Mauritius.

Our Faculty was founded with a clear and unwavering vision: to educate current and future healthcare professionals, educators, and scientists for life. Through quality, up-to-date teaching and impactful research, we aim to meet both national and international healthcare needs. We are committed to fostering a spirit of discovery and innovation in all our academic, research, and community engagement activities, while upholding the highest standards of integrity and ethics.

We strive to ensure that our students acquire excellent knowledge, practical skills, a professional attitude, and a growth-oriented mindset-qualities essential to thrive in today's rapidly evolving fields of medicine and health sciences. In this spirit, our Faculty is continually expanding and enhancing its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes to remain innovative, sustainable, learner-centred, and practice-focused.

We take immense pride in the accomplishments of our graduates, many of whom have excelled in the global job market and now hold key positions in well-known national and international organisations. I have full confidence that you too will follow in their footsteps and reach great heights.

Our Faculty comprises two departments:

- The Department of Medicine, headed by Dr R R Doobaree, where most lectures are held on the 2nd Floor of the Core Building in Ebène.
- The Department of Health Sciences, headed by Dr Z Toorabally, with laboratories located on the 5th Floor of the Academic Complex in Réduit.

Both departments have made significant contributions to medical and health education in Mauritius, supported by valued partnerships with esteemed institutions such as Université de Bordeaux (France) and the University of Geneva (Switzerland).

At the Faculty, you will be taught and mentored by a dedicated team of full-time and part-time academics who are respected leaders in their fields. Many are engaged in international research collaborations, reflecting the global relevance of our work. We are also proud to share that several of our academics have been ranked among the world's top-cited researchers.

As you embark on this exciting academic journey, I would like to remind you that the University is committed to providing a supportive, inclusive, and accessible learning environment, in line with our core values.

All important academic information-rules, regulations, deadlines, module registration, assignment submissions, and examination dates-is available on the University website. I strongly encourage you to consult the website regularly and familiarise yourself with all relevant policies.

Please ensure you meet all deadlines and comply with academic regulations. Non-compliance may lead to disciplinary measures. My sincere advice is to make the most of the opportunities, resources, and support systems available to you. Attend your classes punctually and engage actively with the learning process.

The University's primary mode of communication is via email. Therefore, please check your University email account frequently for updates regarding your programme and general university announcements. Examination timetables and other key documents are also posted on the Faculty website under the 'Students' Corner'.

If you need assistance, you may contact the Administrative Officer's Office on the 5th Floor of the New Academic Complex or reach out to your Programme Coordinator. The staff are here to support you and will be happy to assist

with academic and administrative matters. For broader student issues, the Registrar's Office remains your main point of contact.

Please be reminded that the UoM campus is a Smoke-Free, Alcohol-Free, and Drug-Free zone, and violations may incur penalties. We are proud to be an Eco-Friendly Campus, and we expect all students to support our efforts to promote sustainability, energy efficiency, and waste management.

As members of this academic community, you are expected to:

- Uphold honesty, diligence, and mutual respect;
- Demonstrate professionalism in your interactions with peers, faculty, support staff, and the broader community;
- Avoid any behaviour that could harm university property or reputation, including on social media.

The recent COVID-19 pandemic has led to a blended learning approach. While much of your learning will be delivered online, you will still benefit from valuable in-person interactions during laboratory and tutorial sessions.

The University has adopted the Learner-Centred Credit System (LCCS), aligned with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), to make your learning experience more interactive, collaborative, and experiential.

Please follow the proper chain of communication for all academic queries. Contact your lecturer or Programme Coordinator first. Should the matter require escalation, email the Dean through the Head of Department and Programme Coordinator.

Dear students, we are thrilled that you have chosen the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences for your academic journey. Be proud of this achievement, and take full advantage of everything this great institution has to offer.

I wish you all a successful, enriching, and inspiring experience with us. Welcome once again-and best of luck to each and every one of you!

Thank You

Respectfully yours,

Professor Mohamad Fawzi MAHOMOODALLY

Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences