



Dear partner,

As Italy and Naples are still living serious issues related to COVID-19 pandemic, we send this message to update you on how COVID-19 has affected University of Naples Federico II and, more importantly, on how the organization of next semester 2020-2021 is being planned.

Like all universities worldwide, UNINA Federico II has adapted quickly to the new reality shaped by COVID-19 as of Mid-March 2020. We have taken measures to guarantee the safety of all of our students and staff. We have worked – and *are* working – hard to continue education, examination and research. The recent data about new infections cases and hospital administrations, have forced us to return to teaching all our courses online and to experience online exams methods. We are doing our best to ensure that no student falls behind.

Regarding the **upcoming semester**, preparations are being made. The epidemiological reality in Italy has taken a hard direction, that does not allow us to restart courses in presence.

We are working hard to maintain our high standards in education and research. We are contacting you to inform you about the plans concerning the education at University of Naples in summer semester 2020/2021. We hope all this information will help you and your students to make the best decisions regarding international mobility.

The summer semester will start on **February (with the Italian language course)** and end on **July 2021**. At the moment the University of Naples is planning to provide incoming exchange students with courses held **in the online form**. As the current restrictions given by the Government of Italy and the Campania Region forbid face-to-face learning due to COVID-19.

Furthermore we have to responsibly cooperate with the health local system that, at the moment – and from a couple of months now – is significantly stressed.

Classes will be held online (virtual classes) during the entire 2020/2021 summer semester (02/2021-07/2021). If the situation allows blended type of teaching and learning, UNINA will consider that option; but, as to the students who are unable to attend the in-person classes (physically), they can finalize the semester and the exams online.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND STUDENTS TO START THE ACTIVITIES ONLINE FROM HOME COUNTRY

1. Registered students who are interested in attending UNINA online courses: After completing the enrolment process before the semester beginning, these students will be allowed to attend online classes at UNINA from their home country, be in touch with our lecturers and take final exams. University of Naples will issue a Transcript of Records at the end of online mobility period.
2. Registered students who are interested in attending UNINA online courses, but are still willing to travel to Naples - Italy (if the situation allows for it). After completing the enrolment before the semester beginning, these students will be allowed to attend online classes at UNINA, be in touch with our lecturers and take final exams. University of Naples Federico II will confirm student's arrival and issue a Transcript of Records at the end of mobility period.



Students who have to carry out practical activities and internship must contact their academic coordinator / supervisor to check the possibility.

We are sending this information to all registered students who have regularly filled in our application, in order to let them choose the best option.

UNINA, in cooperation with local and national authorities, will monitor the evolution of COVID-19 pandemic and will promptly provide updated information. Students who have enrolled in the first semester and full year can continue following courses (at the moment all online) either in Italy or from their homecountries.

Last but not least: we thank you for your trust and cooperation throughout this pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

The Rector
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