



Universidad de Valladolid

Vicerrectorado de Internacionalización

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Dear partners,

Greetings from the University of Valladolid and we hope this letter finds you well.

The Covid-19 crisis is having a great impact on the organization of Higher Education, affecting, among other aspects, the internationalization initiatives of our institutions.

At the University of Valladolid, we are working with the maximum care to start the new academic year 20-21 with the highest guarantees. Even in the exceptional conditions of the current times, the University of Valladolid expresses its determination to maintain its essence and values, among which its face-to-face nature stands out. The conditions in which we face the beginning of the next academic year 20-21 will depend on the health situation derived from the evolution of the pandemic caused by the Covid-19. The scenario is, therefore, very uncertain so, although the preferential option is to develop the activity in face-to-face conditions, we are getting ready for any eventuality.

Our expectation for the beginning of the academic year is to resume face-to-face teaching with health and safety measures. If the circumstances change due to an outbreak of the pandemic, and we reach the extreme situation of confinement, it will lead us to a new closure of our university facilities and, therefore, to a completely online teaching as we have been doing since the month of March. Between both options, we contemplate intermediate situations that would set up a bimodal or mixed scenario, which is the one we consider most likely.

We have established the following measures for social distancing and health in order to set up a safe classroom environment and to follow thoroughly the recommendations and protocols from the authorities:

- Creation of a digitized map of safe teaching spaces to guarantee a separation of 1.5 meters between people, with adaptations for students with disabilities.
- Capacity control in common areas to avoid overcrowding.
- Use of a hygienic mask in all circumstances where the stipulated interpersonal distance is not ensured.
- Protocol of action to be activated in case any member of the university community has symptoms from Covid-19.
- Educational support to those students with specific needs in these circumstances.
- Cleaning, disinfection and ventilation protocol in each of the university centres.

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In the bimodal or mixed scenario, face-to-face teaching will be combined with online teaching, adopting a blended learning methodological approach. In this scenario, internships are guaranteed for all students if the sanitary conditions are ensured.

In order to assure the academic development of students in these scenarios derived from the current exceptional conditions, the University of Valladolid through its Centre for Online Teaching, Training and Teaching Innovation (VirtUVa) is increasing the offer of training courses for teaching and learning in virtual environments. Since the closure of the University due to the pandemic, online courses have been organized to train teachers in digital and methodological skills. This initiative is complemented by an offer of courses to students to strengthen their digital skills and to deepen their knowledge of educational technologies. Spanish and other language courses will continue to be offered to international students with a wide range of online courses.

To those students of the Erasmus+ programme who will start their mobility in September, we recommend that they send all the documentation and the signed Learning Agreement before August 28th in order to have the registrations before September 15th. In this way, we can comply with the health and safety protocol to guarantee safe spaces in the centres and faculties.

The University of Valladolid will start the academic year on September 28th with all the health and safety protocols. In this scenario, it welcomes all international students who wish to carry out their studies or mobility during the academic year 20-21. In the event of incidents during the academic year due to virus infection in students, and staff who are carrying out a mobility placement at the University of Valladolid, we will establish immediate contact with the partner university and activate the protocol for action. In this time of uncertainty, we are confident in bilateral relationships and in the importance of collaboration and mutual trust in order to continue to move stronger.

We are at your disposal to solve any doubt or clarification you may need.

Kind regards,



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