

## **Announcement from the Conference of Public University Presidents in Madrid (CRUMA) on the conducting of on-site exams**

1. The Knowledge Foundation Madri+d states in the document called “Recommendations for planning the 2020-21 academic year in the face of exceptional circumstances caused by COVID-19”. Section 1.4 that “final exams corresponding to official calls for ordinary and extraordinary assessments shall be carried out on-site, as long as the situation permits it”, noting that “planned on-site exams must be replaced in situations where the facilities available cannot guarantee that health requirements will be maintained”.

2. Public universities in Madrid planned the 2020-21 academic year, backing the most on-site activity possible whilst complying with the health standards enforced by the Central Government and the Government of the Autonomous Community of Madrid, investing economically in adapting their facilities and equipment aimed at meeting the aforementioned health requirements. They have also dedicated large amounts of human and material resources in order to guarantee the university community’s safety on its campuses.

3. Strict protocols established for conducting on-site exams, in addition to strict respect for health standards by each member of the university community, allow essential student assessment activities to take place, guaranteeing the highest level of safety.

4. Conducting on-site exams, as well as their action protocols, has been authorised by the Council of Science, Universities and Innovation and the relevant health authorities and has been approved by the Governing Councils and, where appropriate, the governing bodies of the Faculties and Schools at the six public universities.

5. The CRUMA universities will pay particular attention to vulnerable students by providing assessment protocols that are tailored to their particular needs.

6. The public universities of Madrid have no authority in public health matters and therefore the suspension of on-site activities (teaching and examinations) for health reasons must be established, if necessary, by the competent, relevant authorities.

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