

Instruction of November 13, 2020, by the Vice-president for Academic Affairs of the University Carlos III de Madrid, establishing directions for the adaptation of academic activities in the 2020/21 academic year.

The suspension of face-to-face educational activities during the past academic year, caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, forces the University to adopt extraordinary measures aimed at adapting the academic calendar, teaching and assessment activities, as well as some academic standards, in order to avoid harm to students.

The new teaching model for the 2020/21 academic year, approved on June 15, 2020 by the Governing Council, already establishes the framework in which teaching and evaluation activities will be developed in the Bachelor and Master studies for the period in which we are, called "new normality".

However, the current health situation, recommends to flexibly some academic aspects to meet the needs of our students and the good development of their learning and evaluation process.

These measures are taken in coordination with the Deans of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law and the Faculty of Humanities, Communication and Documentation, as well as the Director of the School of Engineering.

First. Final exams.

a) Students in quarantine or preventive isolation

Students who cannot attend the final exam of a subject because they are in quarantine or preventive isolation may request to take the exam online, as long as their health conditions allow it. This test will be carried out on the same date and time as the face-to-face exam, through the systems provided in the Evaluation Guide for Online Teaching in Times of Emergency of the Vice-rectorate for Strategy and Digital Education. When it is not possible to take the online exam at the same time, the teacher will set a later date.

In accordance with the procedure established by the school, the student must submit a request accompanied by supporting documents that duly prove the quarantine or isolation situation. For this purpose, positive covid students must present the receipt of registration in the Covid communication system of the University. Close contacts of these positive students must present the communication sent by the University's Risk Prevention Service. The rest of the close contacts must present the supporting documents that prove the medical recommendation of isolation.

In the event that health conditions do not allow the student to take the final exam on the date scheduled in the exam calendar, the student may request a waiver for good cause in accordance with academic regulations.

b) Exchange program students:

The final assessment exams of the first term for incoming non-European mobility students will be held on 21 and 22 December 2020.

For incoming European mobility students and undergraduate students who have been awarded a mobility stay for the second term (outgoing), faculty will have the following options:

1. Conducting early exams on the dates set for non-European mobility students.

2. Simultaneous final examinations online on the date set in the exam calendar, through the systems included in the Guide to online assessment tests of the Vice-rectorate for Strategy and Digital Education.

For the above purposes, the student will contact the professor to request what is appropriate.

Second. Compulsory Internships

When there are exceptional circumstances due to the health situation that make it difficult for the students to carry out the internship, the Vice-president for Academic Affairs may extend the period of internship preferably until October 31st, at the latest.

The teaching guides must include the adaptations made as a consequence of the health situation in order to ensure the acquisition of the foreseen skills.

Third. Final projects

During the 2020-21 academic year, the final bachelor project with public defense and the final master project can be presented and evaluated remotely. Adequate accreditation of the student's identity and the possibility of interaction between students and evaluation boards must be guaranteed.

Derogatory provision

The previous Instructions of this Vice-Rectorate dated March 10, March 15, April 16 and June 26, 2020, are hereby repealed. However, said Instructions shall continue to be applicable for all purposes to the 2019/20 academic year

Final disposition

This Instruction will come into effect the day after its publication in the BOEL.

(This translation of the official Instruction in Spanish is valid only for informational purposes)