

Dear all,

the Decree of the Prime Minister of November 3, 2020 (published today) contains a series of new guidelines of interest for the universities which are expected to find immediate application (starting from tomorrow, November 5, 2020).

Given the need to promptly apply the new government provisions, while some doubts of interpretation on some aspects remain, we consider important to transmit the following operational indications to the entire USiena community, assuming the possibility that these indications may be integrated in the next few hours following if any interpretations or ministerial clarifications is released.

According to the aforementioned document, all training and curricular activities in presence carried out within the universities is suspended. Only practical and laboratory activities and educational and curricular activities scheduled in the first years of laurea, laurea magistrali and LM long cycle are allowed in presence.

These measures apply to the entire national university system starting from the date of November 5, 2020 and, unless otherwise communicated, until December 3, 2020. Additional restrictions are foreseen on the activities in presence for the regions or territories characterized by a scenario of maximum gravity and a high risk level, as determined by the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, starting from tomorrow, November 5, 2020, all in-presence lectures of the courses scheduled in the 2nd or following year of laurea, laurea magistrali and LM long cycle are suspended. These activities will continue to be provided exclusively through distance learning until 3 December 2020, unless otherwise communicated.

With reference to the lectures scheduled in the first year of laurea, laurea magistrali and LM long cycle, they will continue to be held in-presence, and are simultaneously transmitted in synchronous or asynchronous distance teaching. The flexibility assigned to the departments by in the note approved by the Academic Senate in the session of the 27 October 2020 will remain in place.

Teachers of courses affected by the suspension of in-presence teaching activities are still allowed to carry out the lectures at the university teaching centers.

At present, all other in-presence teaching activities are also suspended, including OPhDs and Masters.

It should be noted that teaching facilities, departments, laboratories and any other university structure will remain open.

Consistently with the provisions of the Decree of the Prime Minister, we also consider necessary to suspend any in-presence exam.

Best regards

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