



GUIDELINES ON TEACHING ACTIVITIES

valid until July 31, 2021

In consideration of the Legislative Decree 22 April 2021, n. 52 and the recent evolution of the epidemiological situation, the Academic Senate and the Administrative Board of the University of Siena set the following guidelines valid - unless further modifications/updates - until July 31, 2021.

The same Guidelines are based on the awareness of the importance of keeping maximum attention on safety measures and on behaviors aimed at contrasting the spread of the infection and, at the same time, in compliance with the provisions of the aforementioned DL, supporting the gradual resumption of normal university activities, even in presence.

It is therefore appropriate to reiterate that any measure subsequently ordered is accompanied by the maintenance of the safety standards already implemented in the previous months and summarized below:

- obligation to wear surgical or FFP2 masks inside the classrooms and any other university space;
- prohibition of gathering;
- frequent hand sanitation;
- registration at the entrance to the facilities and classrooms (including the use of the QR-code where present).
- frequent sanitation and ventilation of rooms;

Course exams

While guaranteeing to all students the possibility of taking the exams in a distance mode, each professor is invited, at the same time, to provide students with the opportunity to take their exam also in-presence. In the case of in-presence exam sessions, student's admission must be strictly regulated by scheduling their presence in order to avoid gatherings.

Final exams

While guaranteeing to all students the possibility of taking the final thesis dissertation in a distance mode, each Department organizes the graduation sessions giving the possibility to all students to defend their thesis in front of the Examining Committee.

To this end, the reaching offices prepare the suitable modalities for the students to express their will (presence or "remote") and implement, as already indicated for the exams, a rigorous program of invitation of the students enrolled.

For all students wishing to defend their thesis in-presence, the graduation commission is required to meet in the classroom in full attendance, except for specific exceptions authorized by the Head of the Department.

In the case of in-presence sessions, the access to the classroom is allowed only to the candidate and to 4 persons, unless otherwise specified by the Head of the Department, if the spaces allow it in compliance with safety measures. The live streaming of the session will be ensured.

During and after graduation sessions, it is forbidden to generate gatherings inside the university premises and in any adjacent space and to celebrate in a noisy way in compliance with safety measures and in order to prevent any disturb the students who are subsequently called to defend their thesis.

We trust in the sense of responsibility of all students and their family/ friends, in the best interest of health and as a form of respect for all those who are present in the teaching facilities.

Libraries and study rooms

All the libraries of the University of Siena are once again open without limitations, always in compliance with the reservation and quota access protocols.

Perspectives for the first semester of the 2021/22 academic year

Although subject to the assessment of the evolution of the pandemic and compliance with the official measures that will be adopted, the governing bodies believe it is possible to keep al teaching activity in presence at the beginning of the first semester of the 2021/22 academic year, guaranteeing all students, as already happened for the first semester of the 2020/21 academic year, the possibility of attending the lectures in-presence, in full compliance of safety protocols, with particular reference to those related with physical distancing.

The governing bodies also believe that at-distance teaching will also made available.

These measures, although provisional, are intended only for the first semester of the 2021/22 academic year.