

**COMMUNICATION AFTER THE SESSION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE AND
THE MANAGING BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
January 12 and 13, 2021**

Given the current situation of the pandemic covid-19, the Academic Senate and the Managing Board of the University of Siena, in the meetings of 12 and 13 January 2021, respectively, have issued the following guidelines.

For the end of the first semester, and including the exam session(s) of January-February:

- In-presence lectures are allowed (always accompanied by distance teaching) only for first-year courses, as well as for courses with a small number of students, unless different decision are taken, on the basis of each specific situation, by the Departments or by the programs' Steering Committees; any other course will continued to be issued online.
- All practical activities that cannot be performed online may also be organized in presence (teaching lab and activities related with a thesis project).
- Exams – following a decision by the department – may also be performed in presence, with the following conditions to be complied:
 - that the security measures in force in the university complexes aimed at preventing the spread of the infection are carefully observed (sanitizing of places and surfaces, hand sanitization, mandatory use of masks, prohibition of gathering);
 - that exams take place in the specially dedicated and reserved classrooms of the teaching buildings, and not, in the professors' offices;
 - that a booking system is ensured, including hourly reservations, to avoid gatherings;
 - that other people are not allowed to attend the tests; in order to guarantee the publicity of the examination sessions, these will be accessible via live streaming;
- Graduation exams are held exclusively in the remote mode.
- Curricular and non-curricular internships, both internal and external, can also be carried out in presence, unless otherwise agreed with the host organizations.
- The training activities of the medical specialization schools and all medical internship activities can also be carried out in presence, according to the guidelines approved by the Academic Senate on November 10th 2020¹.
- Libraries and reading rooms are regularly open, with access regulated through reservation.
- The departments and all the structures necessary for carrying out research activities remain regularly open.
- The presence of personnel in all university spaces and the carrying out of the aforementioned admissible teaching and research activities take place in compliance with the safety requirements set out in the University Protocol², and through attendance-tracking tools (also through signatures at the entrance) for personnel who is not required to use the entrance badge, also limiting the access doors to the buidings to facilitate tracking operations.

1 https://www.unisi.it/sites/default/files/allegatiparagrafo/nota_senato_su_tirocini_san_med.pdf

2 https://www.unisi.it/sites/default/files/allegatiparagrafo/Protocollo_condiviso_di_regolamentazione_anti_COVID19_in_USiena_rev7_188964.pdf



Concerning the second semester, regardless of the pandemic evolution, the possibility of following the courses and taking the exams in remote will be guaranteed.