

**COMMUNICATION AFTER THE JOINT SESSION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE AND
THE MANAGING BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
November 16, 2020**

Following the publication of the Ordinance 13.11.2020 of the Minister of Health which extends the measures contained in art. 3 of the Prime Ministerial Decree of November 3rd, 2020 (so-called: red zone) to the Tuscany Region, the Academic Senate and the Managing Board of the University of Siena, gathered in joint session on November 16, 2020, issue the following guidelines.

- From November 16th, 2020 and, unless otherwise communicated, until November 30th, 2020, **all teaching activities “in presence” are suspended**, involving of bachelor degree (Lauree), master degree (Lauree Magistrali) and single-cycle master degrees (Lauree Magistrali a ciclo unico), as well as doctorates, masters (one-year), specialization courses (non-medical area) and all other teaching programs. These activities will take place regularly in the remote mode according to the established Schedule.
- All exams, including graduations of all kind, are held exclusively in the remote mode.
- All practical educational activities that cannot be substituted in remote-held activities (e.g. teaching laboratories and laboratories aimed at the completion of the bachelor, master, doctorate and specialization theses) can be carried out in presence, whether included in the organizational plan drawn up by the Departments and under their supervision. Where possible, Departments and the Managing Committees of each program are invited to consider the possibility of postponing these practical activities to the second part of the first semester or to the second semester, according with their compatibility with the schedule. It is also recommended that the Departments and Lab Professors and Managers make available to students, in agreement with the University Prevention and Protection Department, any personal protective equipment suitable to ensure the safe performance of the planned activity.
- Curricular and non-curricular internships, both internal and external, can be carried out in presence, the external ones pending the compliance with the host institutions.
- The training activities of the medical specialization schools and internship activities in the programs of the medical area can also be carried out in presence, according to the guidelines approved by the Academic Senate on November 10th, 2020.
- Libraries and reading rooms are regularly open, with access reserved for teachers, staff, graduate students, postgraduates, students, with priority attributed to all students engaged in the preparation of their degree/doctoral/specialization thesis and following the procedures for the use of the spaces and services already implemented since May. Libraries normally provide the loan and pick up service to these users. Access to the reading-rooms/study-rooms is subject to the possibility of exert an effective monitoring and tracking of the users. The General Director, in coordination with the Coordinators of Teaching Building (Presidi) and Libraries, monitors the implementation of these services and the compatibility of the amount of users with with safety measures, reserving the right, in the light of the outcome of the monitoring, of ordering further restrictions on access or reduced opening hours.
- Finally, the Departments remain regularly open for carrying out research activities deemed non-deferrable.
- The presence in the departments and 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 Protocol¹, and through tracking tools of attendance (list of presence) for personnel who do not require the entrance badge, also by limiting the access routes to the structures to facilitate this tracking operation.

¹ https://www.unisi.it/sites/default/files/allegatiparagrafo/Protocollo_condiviso_di_regolamentazione_anti_COVID19_in_USiena_rev7_188964.pdf



- These Guidelines are automatically confirmed beyond the date of November 30th, 2020 if the inclusion of the Tuscany Region remains within the measures contained in art. 3 of the Prime Ministerial Decree of November 3rd, 2020 (so-called red zone).
- Except as otherwise provided in these Guidelines, the Guidelines approved by the Senate on November 10th, 2020 remain in force.