

## University of Siena - Post-lockdown guidelines for teaching activities<sup>1</sup>

We are contacting you to update our information for incoming students on the teaching activities during the current semester and on the upcoming academic year prospective plan. We hope this information can be a helpful guide for your students over the coming weeks and months.

At this stage it is still difficult to plan with certainty the actions to be taken and their timing, even for the next few weeks. The decisions taken by the academic bodies of Usiena will have to be made in light of any new government measures and, above all, in light of the evolving health and epidemiological situation in Italy and in our region, Tuscany.

Please note that all Italian universities received general Guidelines from the Ministry of Universities and Research that allow the Italian university system to adopt a coherent line of action.

According to these guidelines, we are dividing the information in two phases:

Post-lockdown phase 1: the period from May 4th till July 31st 2020

Post-lockdown phase 2: the beginning of the next academic year (September/October 2020).

### **Post-lockdown phase 1 (information for current incoming exchange students 2019/2020)**

Teaching activities continue to be delivered remotely. We have 200 incoming students studying remotely (97 students are still in Siena and 103 are attending online courses from their home countries).

As for exams, they will be conducted remotely. The departmental Course Administration Offices will set the dates of the exam sessions, specifying that these sessions will be carried out remotely.

To help students who have difficulty connecting to the internet from their homes, each faculty will provide students with an *exam room*. Students can require the use of this room at the time of registration for the exam session.

To support teachers in this activity, we have increased the number of tutoring hours of USiena student tutors, they are contributing to maintain contacts remotely between students and teachers.

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<sup>1</sup> These guidelines have been updated on May 12th, 2020

## **Post-lockdown phase 2 (information for incoming exchange students - 1st semester 2010/2021)**

With the start of the first semester of the academic year 2020/21, all teaching activities are expected to be in attendance. However, in order to allow students who may have difficulty in reaching Siena, each module will also be delivered – where necessary - online (through Google Meet live streaming), or be recorded and published on the USiena E-learning platform.

This will create a hybrid learning environment which shall characterize teaching activities in the first semester of the academic year 2020/21, with a possible extension, based on the evolution of the state of emergency, to the entire academic year.

With reference to exams, these shall be carried out in attendance or remotely, depending on the government provisions in force at the time.