

UPDATE OF GUIDELINES ON UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS IN JULY AND AUGUST

summary

On the basis of the recent evolution of the sanitary and epidemiological situation in the city, the region and the country, the Managing Board and the Academic Senate of the University of Siena have decided to update the guidelines approved at the end of April concerning the academic operations related to the Covid-19 epidemics.

The present update has the goal of maximizing the opportunities given to the students of returning to normal activities, fully respecting all measures enforced to prevent the covid-19 spread. In this context, the University has implemented a strong activity of capillary information able to make all members of our community aware of sanitary risks and the appropriate behaviors to be taken in order to ensure a safe stay in university premises.

We believe that individual awareness and responsibility is as important as the use of the appropriate equipment to prevent the spread of the infection.

Exams

While making clear that the prevailing form of conducting oral exams remains the digital one, given the evolution of the epidemiological situation, all professors who would like to conduct **oral exams** also in presence, from June 29th through August 7th, will be able to do so in the university classrooms. The organization of such exams has to be considered experimental, and not mandatory for professors nor for the students, who will have the right of conducting their exams also in the remote mode, if desired.

This opportunity is granted ensuring the respect of safety requirements, physical distancing and appropriate sanitization according to the regulations in force. Access to the classrooms will be allowed only to the members of the examining committee and to the candidate. Other students will be able to attend the exam through the digital platform where a virtual room will be established by the professor.

Students will be informed of this opportunity through the platform segreteriaonline.unisi.it, and professors choosing this opportunity are also required to ensure for the students the possibility of conducting the same exam in remote.

Written exams will continue to be held in remote.

Graduation

Given the potential risks related to the participation of a considerable audience, graduation exams (*esami di laurea*) will continue to be held only in remote, until at least August 7th.

Traineeships

Curricular and extracurricular traineeships, either in university laboratories or with associated partners, can be organized in presence, provided that all current safety measures are enforced. If and when such measures cannot be satisfied, traineeship activities can be performed at distance.

Libraries

In the previous week, the “Fieravecchia Garden” has been re-opened and students have had the possibility of using that space for studying.

In the coming weeks, the Library System of the University will organize the re-opening of additional study rooms and spaces, beginning with “Sala Rosa” and the San Francesco Library. Re-openings will be communicated in a timely manner.

Additional operational guidelines on exams and graduations for the second part of the summer session (since aug 17th to the end of september) will be subsequently communicated.