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Subject: Resumption of International Mobility activities

In view of the start of the Academic Year 2020/21, timely information should be provided to the students of the University participating in mobility programmes and simultaneously to foreign Universities with which UNIMORE agreements are in place on student mobility.

Under the recommendations of Minister Manfredi of 4 May 2020, that for the Academic Year 2020/21 envisage the persistence of remote learning, combined with face-to-face activities (“blended”), please note that the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors, on sessions of 26 May and 29 May 2020 respectively, approved the general guidelines for learning activities of the Degree Programmes for the Academic Year 2020/21, which provide for the following:

- as a precautionary measure, keep the social distance of 1.5 m in every facility or premise of the University, at least throughout the 1st Semester of Academic Year 2020/21;

- starting from the 1st Semester of Academic Year 2020/2021 and in accordance with the ministerial provisions, activate the face-to-face mode for all activities carried out individually or in small groups that cannot be provided remotely including internships, practical exercises, laboratories, or other activities set by the Degree Programmes, Departments or Schools, as to ensure an effective interaction with the students and between them; In all these cases, the competent educational structures shall formulate proposals aimed at ensuring in any case a proper distancing, the availability of PPE, the restriction of movements (through a proper time organisation of student shifts, taking into account the needs of off-site students), with a prediction the group composition and a monitoring activity the actual attendance;

- provide for the activation of traditional lectures via electronic means for all Degree Programmes, save for justified exceptions to be evaluated by the University Bodies (e.g. lectures held inside the Military Academy) and throughout the 1st semester of the Academic Year 2020/21, in light of the restrictions on the use of classrooms, at the same time encouraging professors to undertake effective interaction modalities with students (including, for example, timeframes for questions and in-depth studies). To that purpose, the Departments shall now provide for teaching modalities that are able to ensure proper qualitative levels. That choice may be reviewed for the 2nd semester based on the pandemic evolution, the availability of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines and/or suitable therapeutic aids, or in any case based on any authority provision. In any case, in order to allow students - in particular off-site students - to organise themselves with regard to logistic and economic issues, the University undertakes to ensure the availability of online lessons also for the 2nd semester, as per previous decision by the Senate on 12 May 2020 session and by the Board of Directors on 14 May 2020;

- leave the Departments free to choose among the technological platforms that have already been used during this semester, based on their specific needs.

As regards students attending postgraduate programmes, the guidelines 2020/21 provide for the traditional teaching activities and seminars to be permitted also in a face-to-face mode throughout the Academic Year 2020/21, in accordance with the aforementioned protection measures, the guidelines implemented by the University and within the University's logistic and organisational abilities. Therefore, and pursuant to the decisions made, starting from the 1st semester, students will be able to carry out face-to-face activities.

Please note that the Prime Ministerial Decree of 11/06/2020 contains the legal provisions on movements without restrictions from and to EU countries, Schengen countries and the United Kingdom, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and the Vatican City; the Order by the Ministry of Health of 30 June 2020 provided that from 1 to 14 July 2020, also third-country citizens legally residing in the following Countries and territories are allowed to come to Italy:

Algeria, Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Montenegro, Morocco, New Zealand, Ruanda, Serbia, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay. However, people coming or returning to Italy from the above countries are subject to health supervision and self-isolation by the modes pursuant to articles 4 and 5 of the Prime Ministerial Decree of 11 June 2020. Travels to these 14 Countries, as well as to other non-EU and non Schengen countries shall still be motivated by work, health, emergency or study reasons (people will still be allowed to go back to their home/domicile/residence). Relevant regulations are constantly changing.

In light of the above, the teaching modes provided for the academic year 2020/21 shall also apply to international mobility students at the University.

The hospital internship activities and laboratory activities are accepted subject to the authorisation by the reference teaching structures and in accordance with the teaching general guidelines of the department.

With regard to the international mobility for students, teaching and technical and administrative staff of the University, it is allowed in accordance with any applicable restrictions, the regulations and provisions issued by the Country, the foreign University of destination and the relevant Programme. To this purpose, please note that within the Erasmus + Programme, the European Commission provided that virtual mobility activities are allowed in combination with an on-location part to carry out abroad; such activities are formally not provided by the Erasmus+ programme regulations. The implementation procedures will be subject to specific provisions by the European Commission, to be also extended to the More Overseas Programme for the purpose of equal treatment.

Please note that current provisions also apply to mobility programmes relating to the academic year 2019/2020 that were suspended due to the healthcare emergency. These activities may be resumed during the academic year 2020/21 still in accordance with the regulations and provisions issued by the Country, the foreign University of destination and the relevant Programme.

All decisions may be reviewed for the 2nd semester based on the pandemic evolution, the availability of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines and/or suitable therapeutic aids, or in any case based on any authority provision.

Please note that before travelling or moving abroad you should check the applicable regulations with the Italian Embassies and diplomatic representations by visiting the following websites of the Minister of Foreign Affairs: [Emergenza COVID-19: informazioni dalle Ambasciate e dai Consolati](#) and [Viaggiare Sicuri](#) .

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