Teaching and learning - First semester 2020/21

Dear students, we know you want to be able to return to classrooms and laboratories as soon as possible; we are therefore working to ensure your presence in safety in the structures of the Department since the starting of the teaching activities in September.

The national legislation requires us to guarantee distance teaching both to limit travel on the national territory and to ensure the needs of those who choose to stay at their residence for security reasons.

To reduce the risk of infection, the legislation also provides for the extension of the safety rules currently in force to the entire first semester of 2020/21. This entails a considerable reduction of the number of participants attending the lessons, so a shifting can be expected, especially for the numerous courses. For those who cannot be present in the classroom during their shift, it will still be granted the possibility to follow the lesson remotely, in synchronous or asynchronous mode.

Due to the different number of students, we conducted a simulation for the single years of the courses assuming to apply the conditions currently indicated by the Ministry. We can say with reasonable confidence that a good part of the teachings of the master's degrees in Mechatronic Engineering and in Materials and Production Engineering can be delivered entirely in attendance.

However, biweekly shifts will be scheduled for the other courses. With this organization we will be able to enhance the courses that plan projects and activities in the laboratories, essential in the training path of the two master's degree courses.

For the teaching activities of the course in Industrial Engineering, in consideration of the expected high number, we estimate that the average attendance in the classroom can be one lesson every two or one lesson every three. If it will be adopted distancing rules to prevent this attendance, we intend to provide teaching with a mixed method, that is, with lessons mainly at distance, supported with clarification and meetings in attendance. These meetings will be organized by groups of students in turn. The aim is to ensure teaching in presence for students of the first year of the course in Industrial Engineering. During the organization of the teaching we will pay particular attention to those who enroll for the first time to our courses of study, aware that they will also have to face further difficulties resulting from the impact of a totally new environment.

We hope, however, that the current restrictions can be alleviated and that it will be possible to accommodate more students than currently expected at our facilities. In fact, the teachers hope to have numerous opportunities to meet the students who have trusted them choosing to study at the Department. We understand the difficulty of a study made even more demanding by the restrictions imposed by the emergency and we are constantly working to optimize the organization of teaching activities. Looking forward to meeting you in person soon, we wish you all and your families a good summer.

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