

Preview of the UDC exceptional measures planned to adapt the university academic activities to the temporal suspension of in-class teaching activities.

As a consequence of the suspension of in-class teaching activities from the 13th to the 30th of March 2020 in the universities of the Galician University System, several alternatives are previewed with the aim to establish a flexible framework that allows teaching staff to adapt the appropriate measures to carry out learning activities and assessment, taking into account the specific characteristics of each subject and the need to guarantee students' rights.

Within this framework, the Heads of centers and departments and the degree coordination, together with the teaching staff responsible for the groups, will make necessary changes in the syllabus and assessment systems adapting the forecasts in the GADU guide to the exceptional nature of the current situation, with the aim of not being detrimental for our students.

These changes in the subjects' syllabuses, assessments systems, tutoring sessions etc... must be communicated to the students through the Virtual Campus (Moodle).

1. Update of the academic calendars

After negotiation with the workers' representatives and the centers, all the possible changes in the academic calendars will be studied so as to guarantee students' right to finish the academic course.

2. Teaching activities

- Students must be guaranteed the access through the Virtual Campus to all of the learning materials and resources related to the contents planned for this period to promote autonomous learning.
- Also, the use of all the available university resources for online teaching will be recommended. Available at <https://axudatic.udc.gal/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=14713711>.
- On the week from 16th to 20th March and through the CUFIE, teaching staff and PAS will have training sessions available (on these online resources) if required.
- The timetable of the tutoring sessions must be guaranteed in the Virtual Campus. It could take place in an interactive way using the visual communication resources available or by email.
- Laboratory practice hours of research could be substituted by other types of learning activities that would allow the acquisition of the contents set in the teaching guides or they could take place intensively once regular sessions begin.
- Clinical practicum taking place in SERGAS and other health institutions or of assistance practice remain canceled as well as in non-university teaching centers. They will restart once this situation has passed and calendars will be adjusted to guarantee completion.
- In the case of external practicums in companies and institutions, completion will depend on the decision they make in each case.

3. Assessment

In this exceptional situation that is affecting this course, adopting all the possible measures so as not to negatively affect students' assessment is considered of utmost importance.

- As far as it is feasible, current and regular ways of assessment will be substituted by other ways with the use of the Virtual Campus, projects etc...
- The final exam set in the official calendars can be 100% of the mark if continuous assessment process is not feasible.
- For the assessment of TFG/TFM specific regulations will be established to allow greater flexibility of the regulations for the defense and assessment and to guarantee students' rights of course completion.
- In general, public thesis discussions are canceled, except for cases that require special treatment and that the Rector authorizes.

4. International Students

International students that are at UDC were recommended to stay in Spain during the academic year. However, those students that return to their countries and do not come back to UDC with due justification once the regular classes begin, will have the possibility of distance/online assessment as far as possible. In the case that this distance/online assessment is not possible, a final exam will be guaranteed remotely and with the support of the communication services of the home university. In this case, students must contact ORI.

- Those students that are part of a mobility programme and due to the epidemiological scenario COVID-19 apply for the return to UDC, will be accepted after contacting ORI. Their absence will be considered justified until their reincorporation, and as far as possible, activities for continuous assessment will be facilitated. In the case that they can not carry out these activities, they would have the right to take the final exam for the 100% of the mark.