Guidelines for carrying out undergraduate and graduate educational activities and examinations during the 2021 spring semester

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1 In the case of conflicting meanings between language versions, the Italian version prevails.
Introduction
The current pandemic situation once again calls for greater flexibility and adaptability. In order to provide ourselves with a clear time frame for planning teaching activities in undergraduate and graduate studies, the SUPSI Direction has decided to adopt, at least for the first half of the 2021 spring semester, the same principles implemented in the second part of the 2020-21 fall semester (as described below). Based on the evolution of the pandemic and the regulations issued by the relevant authorities, the Direction will evaluate, during March-April, the possibility of returning to more lessons in attendance and will define the guidelines for the examinations of the 2021 spring session.

The next decisions to be taken by the SUPSI Direction regarding the undergraduate and graduate program are therefore expected:

- by mid-end March 2021 with regards to the teaching activities scheduled after the Easter break
- by mid-end April 2021 with regards to the examination procedures for the 2021 spring session

Educational activities in the 2021 spring semester

1. Teaching activities shall be conducted primarily by distance until at least 11 April 2021

2. Only selected activities, considered indispensable and for which attendance is an essential requirement for the development of planned activities, can be carried out in attendance. In particular, the following activities can be carried in attendance:
   a) **Selected educational activities in theatre and music**: Individual vocal and instrument lessons, chamber and instrumental collective activities carried out in small groups, movement theatre lessons.
   b) **Laboratory activities and professional practice, with groups containing a maximum of 20 students**: Laboratories that require handling or practical work with instruments and materials available only on the premises; internship; professional practice workshops (e.g., clinical practice, on-site activities) and the development of practical skills that cannot be developed independently.
   c) **Individual lessons / activities selected of synthesis, verification or connection, with groups of up to 20 students**. These activities are to be planned, as much as possible, for the second half of the semester.

3. The decision as to which activities may be carried out in attendance is the responsibility of the departmental head of the undergraduate and graduate studies, based on the proposal of the head of the degree course.

4. All teaching activities that require attendance must be carried out in full compliance with the measures provided for in the SUPSI protection plan and organised in such a way as to avoid gatherings.

5. **Students are expected to attend all scheduled in-attendance classes**. Any absences must be justified as provided for in the Regulations of the degree course.

6. In the case of students who cannot attend lessons in attendance due to measures ordered by the authorities (e.g., isolation, quarantine), teachers are required to make the lesson materials (handouts, exercises, solutions, etc.) available also on the iCorsi platform and, where possible, to prepare the necessary measures to allow these students to continue their studies.

7. All synchronous teaching activities (in attendance or remote) are to be organised during regular lesson times. Any exceptions require the approval of the head of the degree course.
Examination activities for the 2021 spring session
The procedures for the examinations scheduled for the 2021 spring session will be defined by the SUPSI Direction during April 2021.

Entry into force
These Guidelines were approved by the SUPSI Direction on 19 January 2021 and enter into force immediately.

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