

Dear students,

Given the current situation with the COVID 19 pandemic, we feel it is important to provide you with updates about the organization of the teaching activities for the 2020/2021 academic year at the UPV so that you have a better understanding of what to expect regarding your exchange at UPV.

2020/2021 ACADEMIC ORGANISATION:

Valencian Universities have decided to establish a blended learning academic organization for next year with the following measures already agreed:

- **Classes next semester will begin on 14th September, following a hybrid model: theoretical classes will be delivered online as much as possible, while practical-oriented classes will take place face-to-face whenever possible, keeping social distancing.**
- Continuous assessment during the semester will be strongly encouraged.
- There will be social distancing measures in class organization. Course capacity will be smaller and therefore we cannot guarantee acceptance in all the requested courses. **Double degree students will have priority for registration.**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDENTS COMING IN SEMESTER A:

For students coming in Semester A, please carefully read the information bellow:

- Regularly check the information about travelling to Spain and Health alerts from the official sources:
<https://www.mscbs.gob.es/en/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov-China/home.htm>
- **Accommodation offer** may also be somehow affected by the current situation; we recommend not making any payments without the possibility of reimbursement.
- **Travel arrangements** should not be confirmed up until acceptance is fully guaranteed and travelling restrictions removed.
- As pointed out before there will be blended learning next year with most of the theoretical classes delivered online. **Students should therefore consider that they must be equipped with their own computer** and access to wi-fi in order to properly follow lessons.

Please notice that in case of a second outbreak the current academic organisation may change to a fully online mode. Moreover, there might be periods of temporary lockdown or stricter social confinement. In that case, **UPV is ready to make any necessary adjustments again.** However, at this point we cannot propose special treatment for exchange students (e.g. asynchronous remote courses or exams 100% online), unless circumstance make these adjustments necessary for all students, including degree students. This means that **double degree and exchange students who decide to join UPV for the 1st semester are expected to be in Valencia in order to attend any face-to-face activities required in their courses.**

When health is at stake, security and care are our most important commitment. Thank you for your understanding and we feel sorry about any inconvenience all this situation may be causing.