

Dear students,

During the period since the cessation of face-to-face activity due to the crisis caused by the coronavirus, we have suffered enormous stress from adapting to an unknown situation in a short time and personal uneasiness due to the dramatic general context. Fortunately, the UC3M community has once again responded with efficiency, responsibility and professionalism. We are proud of our students, who have been able to adapt in an extraordinary way to this scenario of so much adversity. Thank you very much.

For the next academic year, which begins on September 14, the university will adopt a hybrid academic model that will combine face-to-face education with physical distance and synchronous and interactive online teaching. In an environment of extraordinary uncertainty, we have fled from the easy solution, trying to provide certainties, defining a teaching framework in accordance with what we have always been, a face-to-face university.

General teaching model:

Each student will have 50% of their class hours on campus. The rest will be taught online in a synchronous way through the Blackboard Collaborate platform, in their corresponding schedules.

Each subject will have two weekly sessions, of 90 (faculties) or 100 (EPS) minutes, taught as follows:

- **Master session:** Theoretical content. Synchronous online teaching.
- **Small group session:** Practical content. Classroom attendance
- **Laboratories:** Face-to-face or online synchronous teaching, depending on the subject taught.

In some specific cases and exceptionally, small groups will be created with online teaching, in addition to those taught in person.

Transversal Training Subjects:

- Courses in Humanities, Techniques for Searching and Using Information, Spreadsheets: Synchronous online teaching.
- Oral and Written Expression Techniques: Bimodal teaching (four classroom sessions and ten online synchronous sessions).
- Professional Interpersonal Skills: Classroom teaching.

The application of this model requires the university to adapt the timetables and spaces for teaching and study in order to comply with the established safety, prevention and hygiene measures and to guarantee teaching activities in a safe environment.

The centres are already working to make class timetables public before the start of the enrolment period.

In addition, when we return, we will find a significantly lower population density on campus, in the library or in the classroom, than we were used to in the autumn of 2019, in order to respect the recommendations of the health authorities. We will share a university that is very committed to public health, to help us in solidarity to reduce the spread of the disease. To this end, some measures have been taken that you can consult at:

<https://www.uc3m.es/bachelor-degree/measures-campus>

We must all accept that the campus space will be a precious resource for learning during the next academic year. In order to enjoy the benefits of this resource, we will need to respect and care for our health and that of other members of the community who are learning, researching and working with us. This will involve wearing face covers, practicing physical detachment, applying good hygiene practices and getting used to sharing university spaces in other ways. This will be our "new normal" in the immediate future.

The Vice-Rector's Office for Communication and Culture will help us to keep this in mind through an extensive information activity on the aspects and rules that are indispensable for healthy coexistence on campus. In addition, it will design an awareness campaign for the different groups at the university about the importance of fighting the possible spread of the virus.

Even if uncertainty persists, we have to find the best way to adapt our life on campus to a changing environment with the pandemic. To protect the health and well-being of our community, it is imperative that we take it slow, remain vigilant and look out for each other along the way. Our country has taken very serious steps to combat the disease, and now it is up to all of us to move forward by proceeding with common sense and great caution.