

Dear Students,

We are pleased to contact you again to provide you with some updates for the next academic year. We are very excited to receive you in Madrid for the next semester or academic year, and we ask you to **read carefully this message** which will be followed by other updates in the coming weeks.

Delivery of teaching and training

Teaching activities will start on 14th September with a blended teaching model consisting of online education and in-person education with physical distancing. This model goes under a scheme where 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 time schedules. Please check this page to get to know [how to follow your online classes](#)

Each 6 ECTS subject will have two weekly sessions, taught as follows:

- Large/aggregate session: Theoretical content. Synchronous online teaching.
- Small group session: Practical content. Face-to-face teaching at classroom.
- Laboratories: Face-to-face or online synchronous teaching, depending on the subject taught.

In some specific cases and exceptionally, small groups sessions will be created with online teaching, in addition to those taught face-to-face. Also, some cross-disciplinary subjects, such as Courses in Humanities, will exclusively follow synchronous online teaching.

Therefore, the full online offer in UC3M will be minimal and still evaluation procedures will take place in person by default. For this reason, we will kindly ask all our international students **to be present in Madrid over all the academic period**, since no remote teaching will be provided.

You can check the details of our teaching model in <https://www.uc3m.es/bachelor-degree/teaching-model> and make sure that you are familiar with the [academic calendar for 2020/21](#).

Welcome to the campus

Our international students will be welcome in campus at the beginning of the semester with orientation activities held online. Our **Welcome Event will take place on the 11th September** and we expect all of you to join us in the virtual rooms that we are preparing to provide information about practical and cultural life on campus, course registration procedures or accommodation. We will also hand out Certificates of Arrival. The Erasmus Student Network Association ((ESN) and BEST will join us during this event and will give you the opportunity to join their activities during the year. We are still working on the programme and we will send you the information as soon as we are ready.

Please note that due to the COVID19 safety measures, our International Relations Office will provide support and assessment mostly by email:

- pcserint@uc3m.es
- mne@uc3m.es
- incoming@uc3m.es
- internationaleps@uc3m.es

However, you will be able to **book a face-to-face meeting** with our officers by using the appointments application that will soon be available in our web pages.

Admission

At this stage, **it is of the utmost importance that you complete your admission process by submitting your documents online** (ID/passport, health insurance policy or declaration and Learning Agreement). **The deadline for doing so is 30th of July**, although we will be **flexible** with the dates. Please write us if you have any doubts or concerns about the conditions of your future semester or year with us.

We have already informed your home universities that incoming students can **postpone** their mobility to the second semester, subject to approval on a case by case basis. We encourage you to inform your home university if this is the case, and we will ask you to fill in the application form with the updated information regarding the semester of your choice.

Please bear in mind that the number of incoming students in the second semester is expected to be higher than usual, while the offer of English-taught courses at UC3M will be smaller due to the social distance measures applied, that have reduced the capacity of our rooms by half. This is why **we ask you to be very flexible in your study plans and be ready to pick some of our Spanish-taught courses**.

Safety Measures on campus

UC3M has adapted the timetables and spaces for teaching and study to comply with the established safety, prevention and hygiene measures and to guarantee maximum attendance in a safe environment. Please check our page <https://www.uc3m.es/bachelor-degree/measures-campus> for further details

We trust that this update addresses any pressing concerns that you may have about the upcoming academic year. We are still working on some finer details, but we are absolutely committed to delivering the highest-quality learning and student experience at UC3M.

Best wishes,

The International Relations and Cooperation Team