



UNIVERSITY OF MACERATA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION AND
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Dear Students,

The statutory acts and measures that have recently been issued in Italy to limit the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic include, as you know, the temporary suspension of all in-class, face-to-face teaching activities until the 15th of March. This new course of action, which is meant to safeguard the health of each and every one of us, calls upon the academic community to comply with guidelines and norms, while guaranteeing at the same time alternative forms of educational provision – i.e. online distance learning.

Despite the complexity of current circumstances, the calling off of on-site classes will not entail an interruption of academic life, but rather its continuation through widely used digital tools, that will enable lecturers and students to carry on working in different (albeit not totally unfamiliar) relational modalities.

Following the Italian government's latest regulations (DCPM 4 March 2020), **as from the 9th of March, all teaching activities will be provided via e-learning platforms (further information and procedural details can be found at <https://www.unimc.it/en/courses/e-learning-resources>)**. Even in today's emergency situation, the bond between lecturers and students will sustain the team spirit that is at the very core of any academic community. The teaching and administrative staff of the University of Macerata will do their utmost to implement distance education, throughout the whole range of activities; from classes to exams, to student support services.

Our recommendation is that you regularly check not only the University and Department websites for updates, but also the individual lecturers' sites where you will find clear and detailed instructions on how e-learning classes are held.

Next week will obviously be a trial one; so, flexibility and adjustments are required from all of us, given that so far distance learning has involved only a limited number of our student population. Our common objective is to equip you with the necessary instruments and competences to become better students and better people, so as to further pursue your academic career with resolution, perseverance, and serenity.

The University and the Department will firmly support your commitment and efforts, as well as those of your families, whom we sincerely thank for having chosen our institution to invest in your future. You can rely on us at this difficult time; do not hesitate to write to us, and to the lecturers of your courses, should you have further enquiries or should you need further clarifications.

Our warmest and most heartfelt regards,

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