

Dear Students, dear colleagues,

we are on the verge of a new academic year and the start of exams and graduation sessions. Moments that require the utmost commitment from all of us. The University, which has always shared the value of presence as a founding element of university life, has opted, in line with the actions taken in recent months and the considerable efforts made so far, for the resumption of activities on site and the return of the administrative and technical staff and professors from September 1, 2021.

As you know, during the month of August, the Government and the Ministry reiterated a clear will to resume university life in presence by introducing new regulatory provisions that require the EU Covid certificate (green pass). The Green Pass is in fact an important measure for the safe management of educational, curricular and support activities. Therefore, starting from September 1, it is mandatory for all students and for all teaching and administrative staff of the Politecnico di Milano - including Fellows, Phd students and professors under contract - the possession of this document to enter or remain in the University premises.

For this purpose, the Administration is setting up a control system for staff using a platform that will be made available in the coming days. Colleagues will be asked to load the QR-Code, read daily by the same application used by retailers and public administrations in compliance with the protection of individual privacy.

I remind you that even for students, the possession of the Green Pass is mandatory, the validity of which can be verified by the staff responsible for controls. These will be carried out on a sample basis, as required by the regulatory framework. It is therefore neither the obligation nor the responsibility of the professors to carry out any verification in this regard during exams and/or lectures.

In addition, the other measures specifically provided for to contain the contagion, namely the use of respiratory protection devices in enclosed areas and the prohibition of residence in rooms with a body temperature above 37.5 degrees, remain active. The distance of 1 meter is also recommended, as long as it does not limit participation in attendance.

Finally, I would remind you that the success of this long-awaited restart depends on the responsibility of each of us. It will depend on how we will be able to comply with the law and above all by our capability to adopt behaviors respectful of civil coexistence and of the health of our entire community. I ask you all not to forget the difficult periods during the lockdown, the sound of the ambulances and the images of the deserted streets. Scenarios that we must at all cost avoid.



That is why I ask you to make a further effort to start together and join an academic year that will guide us towards a return to normality. And for the same reason, all of you have my deepest thanks.

Best regards

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