

Guidelines of the Salesian Pontifical University for the Academic Year 2020/2021

In continuity with what has already been resolved in the previous sessions, in compliance with the *Transitional Norms for the Application of the Apostolic Constitution 'Veritatis gaudium'*, issued by the Congregation for Catholic Education on 6 May 2020, given the socio-health situation created due to the epidemiological emergency caused by Covid-19, in order to provide the academic community and all interested parties with useful information in view of the academic year 2020/2021, the Council of the Salesian Pontifical University, at the meeting held on **20 May 2020**, has **prepared and approved the following resolutions:**

1. Regular academic activity

During the new academic year 2020/2021, the Salesian Pontifical University ensures **the regular running of the academic activity.**

2. Teaching methods

The **teaching** will take place either in an **ordinary way**, with the lessons held in the presence of students and teachers, or in a **remote way**, according to the academic calendar and time-table already programmed. The in-presence teaching on the university campus will be organized taking into account the indications and prescriptions issued by the government and health authorities regarding **the safety of people and environment.**

3. Confirmation of the methods already tested regarding teaching and on-line exams

Since “remote teaching” represents a valid complement that “may be used partially and for particular situations” during the academic year 2020/2021, the Salesian Pontifical University **will keep active the possibility of using “remote teaching”, and will consider valid the procedures already tested for the online defense of theses and for online exams**, possibly improving on them in view of their greater effectiveness and functionality, **primarily for those who for proven reasons cannot be present on the university campus.**

4. Organization of courses

It will be the task of each of the Faculties, with the close collaboration of the General Secretariat, and applying the principle of flexibility, **to verify and establish how the teaching of each course will be organized concretely and how the teaching will take place**, informing the interested students in time.

5. Registration and admission test

The **enrollment procedures for the new academic year 2020/2021**, according to the scheduled calendar, and the respective **admission tests**, where required, will take place **online.**

6. Italian language

As regards the **knowledge of the Italian language**, the Salesian Pontifical University **confirms** what **has already been established with regard to the required linguistic levels**, and suggests, among others, the offer of *ProLingua International* with which an agreement has been made for the facilitated access to the UNIPONT platform. In any case, it will be the task of the **heads of each Faculty** to verify - also electronically - the documentation presented, and take the appropriate decisions in this regard.

7. Summer period

To encourage **study and research activities**, and the regular **organization** of the autumn exam session, together with the **fulfillment of the procedures** and activities related to the beginning of the new academic year 2020/2021, the Salesian Pontifical University will be committed during the summer of 2020, in ways that will be possible and allowed, to a **continuous functioning of its Centers, Offices and Services** with the presence of those who are responsible, for **the accessibility of resources and to the opening of the Don Bosco Library**.

8. Academic fees

While keeping unchanged the academic fees already fixed, the Salesian Pontifical University, through the Student Aid Commission and the Pro Universitate Don Bosco Onlus Association, will seek to **increase the quota made available for the academic year 2020/2021** to respond to the requests for academic fees reduction and study support **for the most needy students**.