



**POLITECNICO**  
MILANO 1863

Dear Students and Colleagues,

we are all convinced of the value of teaching in presence, for the quality and usability of the contents, as well as the value of the class as a place of cultural and social gathering.

Unfortunately, the present crisis linked to the infection of Covid-19 has imposed the universities to suspend all educational and teaching activities.

However, we believe it is essential for our students to start the semester in order to reduce the impact that this period will have on them, on the Politecnico staff and on the society as a whole when the crisis will be over.

We have therefore decided to start the semester in distance learning mode. This is an impressive organizational effort that has involved all the Professors, technical and administrative staff of the University, to whom I am grateful for their availability, their competence and effectiveness.

In a few days we have organized a first phase in which ten study programmes will be activated. More than 2000 students and 120 Professors will be precisely informed about the tools and methods by tomorrow and teaching activities scheduled for next week will start on March 2.

All the remaining courses will start in the following week, except for those involving the use of a laboratory on the premises.

The study programmes starting on March 2 in distance learning mode are:

Ingegneria Civile (Laurea), Milano  
Progettazione dell'Architettura (Laurea), Mantova  
Progettazione dell'Architettura (Laurea), Piacenza  
Urbanistica: Città Ambiente Paesaggio (Laurea), Milano  
Building and Architectural Engineering (MSc), Lecco  
Computer science and Engineering (MSc), Milano  
Food Engineering (MSc), Milano  
Geoinformatics Engineering (MSc), Milano  
Music and Acoustic Engineering (MSc), Cremona  
Product Service System Design (MSc), Milano

In the first phase there will be inevitable difficulties in the set up, for which we apologize. I trust in your cooperation and understanding and I wish everyone a good start to the semester.

Best regards  
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Rector of the Politecnico di Milano