



Dear all,

We are approaching the beginning of the first semester of a new academic year. A decisive moment, in which we all would have hoped to find a clear and contained evolution of the contagion. In which we would have liked to have answers to the many doubts dictated by uncertainty. Unfortunately this is not the case. The situation is complicated but it is time to acquire the awareness and responsibility for what it really means to live with the virus.

For this reason I think that, as well as the medical and nursing staff, although fearful, every morning goes to the hospital, it is our task as professors, technical-administrative staff and students to resume university life, of study and teaching.

As you know, Politecnico has immediately expressed the will to start lessons, exams, and graduating session in presence starting from this semester, so that the university will not be reduced to a mere transmission of knowledge. On the contrary, and you know it well, the university is a place where a community grows both from the human and professional point of view.

We have therefore worked intensively in these last months to ensure a safe situation respectful of all dispositions provided by the competent bodies. The lessons will therefore resume in presence, guaranteeing the required physical distance and requiring the use of personal protective equipment. The timetable will be extended and the premises will be sanitised daily. Management of spaces, entrance and exit flows and stays have been defined. We have renovated the catering areas and opened the libraries and study spaces.

Needless to say, spacing will force us to take turns in the classroom for lessons, but without reservation systems that will end up to exclude. We aim at guaranteeing the access to Politecnico to every student. The timetable, which will be published soon, will clarify shifts, lessons in presence and at a distance. In the classroom priority will be given to application, laboratory and project aspects, while the more theoretical parts will be dealt with distance learning.

To allow the lessons to be attended remotely, classrooms are being equipped with new digital technologies. This will allow to start new experiments, to connect with international universities and to make use of prominent testimonials from the professional world. We are therefore trying to turn this difficult moment into an opportunity.

My invitation, therefore, is to come to Milan and to attend the classrooms, laboratories and libraries of Politecnico.

The final decision, students, of course is up to you. Not an easy decision, a responsible decision, in the sake of your future.

In the coming days we will try to guide you with a detailed communication of the various aspects. You can always write us at [monitoraggio@polimi.it](mailto:monitoraggio@polimi.it) for any doubts.

Best regards,

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