

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

Dear Students,

The 2021/2022 academic year has just started, and by welcoming you back into the classroom after so many months of lockdown, we are taking the first few steps towards a return to pre-pandemic normality.

Although current public health guidelines have allowed us to plan for a return to in-person, onsite learning for the year ahead, all of us, both individually and collectively, still need to remain vigilant and comply with a series of regulations designed to ensure that ESCI-UPF offers a safe environment for carrying out teaching activities as normally as possible.

How should I behave inside the building?

- You may not enter the building if you have a high temperature or any other symptoms compatible with Covid-19.
- Facemasks that securely cover your nose and mouth must be worn throughout the entire time you are inside the building. You should always carry a spare facemask with you at all times.
- Keep a safe distance from other people and follow the health guidelines set out by the public health and educational authorities.
- You should wash your hands regularly and use plenty of hand sanitiser, especially when you first arrive at the building and when you change classroom.
- Do not move the tables and chairs. They have been specifically arranged to keep students at a safe distance.
- Follow the signs indicating how to enter, leave and make your way around the building.
- You may use the water fountains in the building to refill your own personal drinking bottles, but you may not drink from them directly.
- Please keep a safe distance from others and do not exceed the maximum permitted number of people in the bar and on the terrace.
- Please remember that smoking is not permitted on the terrace.

- Take particular care when sharing personal objects (pens, computer mice, pen drives, etc.).
- You may use the reading and study room, but you must follow the safety guidelines and wear a facemask at all times

What should I do if...?

- If you test positive for Covid-19, you must self-isolate and follow the public health guidelines. You should also inform your tutor, the Inclusion Office (inclusio@esci.upf.edu) and the head of Covid-19–related issues at ESCI-UPF (infocovid@esci.upf.edu).
- If you have been in close contact with someone with Covid-19 and you are not fully vaccinated (Pfizer: 7 days after your second jab; Moderna and AstraZeneca: 14 days after your second jab; Jansen: 14 days after your single jab), you must self-isolate, follow the public health guidelines and inform your tutor, the Inclusion Office (inclusio@esci.upf.edu) and the head of Covid-19–related issues at ESCI-UPF (infocovid@esci.upf.edu).
- If you have been in close contact with someone with Covid-19 and you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to self-isolate. But you must contact the Catalan Health Service (Salut) to arrange a PCR or antigen test. You should also wear a facemask at all times, check for the appearance of any symptoms compatible with Covid-19, avoid contact with vulnerable people and keep your social interaction to a minimum.

If you have any queries, please read the full information on [Covid-19 measures at ESCI-UPF](#). You can also contact your tutor or the head of Covid-19–related issues at ESCI-UPF (infocovid@esci.upf.edu).

We are all thrilled to be able to begin the 2021/2022 with in-person, onsite classes and hope to be able to continue with them throughout the entire year. This will only be possible, however, if each and every one of us complies with the public health guidelines in place for the good of the community as a whole.

Best wishes,

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