

University of San Jorge, Spain, Zaragoza (17.03.2020)

Dear colleagues,

We hope this email finds you well.

As you know the situation regarding the public health issue of COVID-19 is rapidly changing across Europe and in more recent days in Spain. The Spanish Government has instructed all schools and higher education institutions to close from 16th to 30th March.

As a consequence:

- The Campus and International Office will be closed until 30th March. The International team is teleworking and is available for students by email international@usj.es
- University San Jorge stops face-to-face teaching and moves to online teaching **until 30th March**. Each professor will be in contact with the students to provide teaching materials and information about how the distance learning will run. Please be aware that instructions may differ from one course to another since the content and assessment are different.
- There have been no COVID-19 cases reported in University San Jorge, however we urge students to follow the guidelines as issued by the Health Ministry in Spain: <https://www.mscbes.gob.es/en/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov-China/home.htm> . As this public health issue progresses in Spain, it is important that we all follow them.
- The Executive Board of USJ is carefully monitoring the situation and doing everything we presently can to protect our community of students and staff. We will provide updated information to students and partners about the decisions of the Board.

For those students planning to return home, there are some aspects to be taken into consideration :

- The Government of Spain has now imposed restrictions to mobility throughout Spain and some flight companies may have cancelled flight connections with our country. For more information: <http://www.aena.es/en/passengers/coronavirus-covid-19.html>
- Concerning the academic progress:
 - a. If the student decides to interrupt the exchange at University San Jorge, please let us know so we can send you the Certificate of Attendance and inform the USJ teachers.
 - b. If the student decides to stay at the home country until the situation returns to normal and continue with the exchange at USJ, University San Jorge will guarantee online learning until 30th March. That date may be subject to change due to the evolving situation. We will keep you and the students duly informed by email about the definitive date of the return to classes on-campus or about the extension of distance learning, which will fully depend on the decision of the Government of Spain. Once this unusual situation will be over, classes will continue face-to-face on-campus.

For those students planning to stay in our country:

- The Government of Spain has now imposed restrictions to mobility throughout Spain, and calls for responsibility from citizens in avoiding making journeys that are not urgent or essential.
- The online teaching will continue until 30th March, this may be subject to change due to the evolving situation. We will keep you duly informed by email about the definitive date of the return to classes on-campus or about the extension of distance learning, which will fully depend on the decision of the Government of Spain.

We remain in continuous contact with the international students, offering our cooperation to agree the best solution for them and minimise the study delay.

This situation is extraordinary for all of us. Please feel free to contact us whenever necessary, we are here to help you.

With best regards.

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