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To the academic community of the University of Parma
Students, Teachers, Technical administrative staff

REF.: Organization of educational activities for the Academic Year 2021/2022

Dear students and colleagues,

due to the prolonged health emergency, the second period of a particularly demanding and uncomfortable academic year is coming to an end. Great efforts were required to our entire academic community.

First, I would like to thank you all for the commitment and perseverance with which you have faced and overcome the number of challenges and worries, in the strong awareness that this difficult path has been faced in a cohesive and positive way by all the components of our Institution.

Moreover, I was pleased to learn how, in many contexts, challenges and difficulties worked as a stimulus to reflect, innovate, and experiment.

The goal we are now setting is to return to a complete university experience, strengthened by the stimuli deriving from the interaction between people, first between students themselves and between students and teachers, without neglecting the potential that technology offers to support quality teaching.

It is with this attitude and spirit, made even more confident by the good progress of the vaccination campaign and the pandemic indicators, pointing to a constant improvement in the general health situation, that I wish to inform you how the University of Parma is preparing for the resumption of educational activities starting from next September.

The Academic Bodies, during the last sessions on 29th June and 1st July, 2021, decided that for the Academic Year 2021/2022 the lessons will take place in the presence, though fully in compliance with safety standards, training needs and the lectures timetable that will be detailed in the official University calendar which will be published by 31st July 2021 on the University Departments websites and on the official IT platforms.

The experience of online teaching lived during the emergency phase has taught us that it is possible, indeed useful, to integrate the teaching material with digital contents. All this undoubtedly supports the effectiveness, inclusion, and participation of the educational experience, with direct reference to students, workers and students who are in more fragile



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conditions. Therefore, the teaching material of each course will be enriched with the video recording of the lectures or with additional audio-video material to be made available on the official University IT platforms.

For the 2021/2022 Academic Year, exams and graduation sessions will also be held in person, in compliance with safety standards.

For the end of the current 2020/2021 academic year, exams and graduation sessions will be held in person, except for students in quarantine or for international students who cannot move from their country of origin for health reasons. In any case, until next 30th September 2021, it will be allowed to carry out the final exams and degree exams in remote mode or in blended mode in accordance with the already-approved departmental organizational plans.

Obviously, the University continues to adopt and enforce prevention measures to ensure maximum protection to the health and safety of people working and acting in our community, without prejudice to the possibility of applying changes to all that is described above, in direct relation to the evolution of the epidemiological conditions of the pandemic.

Together, we have lived through this difficult period and overcome many challenges, together we are planning our restart, in the firm conviction that educational processes and cultural growth are based on relationship and comparison.

I wish you all a peaceful summer and I send you my best regards.

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