



# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO

Dear Students,

I would like to share this difficult time with you. Never in the history of Italian University had in-class teaching been suspended for so long. It is sad to see the courtyards and our classrooms empty. I even miss those loud graduation parties.

We are not an online university, and we will never be. We are a major international university, proud of our work, and aware that education is a challenging task, which implies a direct relationship between teachers and students. Attending classes and workshops is essential.

However, we are now forced to temporarily change our course, and explore paths that until a few days ago we had been taking just as a supplement to the usual coursework. We do so because it is useful and necessary to tread these paths, because we have to react and keep working together.

Please check the Ariel teaching portal and your programme website for detailed information on distance learning. In principle, online teaching will be scheduled on the same days and times as the corresponding in-class activities were. You will receive shortly information on interim and final exams as well.

In addition to the notices on our homepage, which are constantly updated, please refer to your study programme coordinators. Contacts are available on programme websites. Please also check your unimi inbox regularly.

Not everything will run smoothly, and we apologize in advance - we have 136 study programmes and over 4,000 training events per day, but we are doing our best, and with your help we can make it!

Lastly, I would like to extend my support and encouragement to our over two hundred students living in red zones. We will do whatever it takes to minimize the impact of the many difficulties you are experiencing on your academic career.

Best regards,

Elio Franzini

Rector of the University of Milan