



## **Informação 04 FFP/ 2020-2021**

Considering the Recommendation to scientific and higher education institutions in the context of the extraordinary measures of the state of emergency, of the 21st of January, of the Office of the Portuguese Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education (MCTES), (<https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/covid-19-avisos>) we inform the academic community of the following:

- (i) The classes of the 2nd semester of 2020-21 academic year will start next Monday, the 8th of February of 2021, as foreseen in the academic calendar;
  
- (ii) Under the terms of paragraph 1 of that Recommendation and until otherwise determined, the theoretical classes, the theoretical-practical classes and the laboratory practice classes (which learning objectives are attainable by distance learning) of the study cycles of the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences (FHSS), Faculty of Science and Technology (FST), Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) and Higher School of Health-FP (HSH-FP) will take place exclusively using online teaching, through the CANVAS platform, to which all students will have access, provided that their administrative situation is in order;
  
- (iii) Classes will be taught by the teachers, from the UFP/HSH-FP campus, at the times assigned to them and in the classrooms assigned for that purpose, in compliance with paragraph 4 of the MCTES Recommendation, of the 14th of January of 2021: "To guarantee the presence of teachers and non-teaching staff in the institutions, ensuring the division of virtual learning activities when necessary";
  
- (iv) The list, of laboratory practice classes that will be taught online will be made public by Friday, February 5;
  
- (v) The laboratory practice classes of the Faculties and of the Higher School of Health, which require face-to-face teaching, may be taught in a mixed regime (face-to-face and online), on the UFP/HSH-FP campus, starting on the 8th of February, adopting, for this purpose, weekly student rotation scales between both regimes;



§ In each class, students in face-to-face laboratory practice classes will be divided into groups with rotation scales implemented on a weekly basis. Teachers responsible for the CUs should reorganize their planning, in order to ensure that asynchronous activities are carried out remotely by students, during the week when they are in online teaching;

(vi) Clinical teaching and clinical internships of the Faculty of Health Sciences and of the Higher School of Health's study cycles will remain in the face-to-face model, with strict compliance with DGS [Portuguese Health Directorate-General] rules, in compliance with paragraph 11 of the MCTES Recommendation;

§ Possibly, clinical internships may have a few hours, namely research orientation seminars for carrying out scientific work, replaced by activities carried out online, whenever this proves feasible and appropriate and provided that the institutions involved, the internship supervisors and the study cycles coordinators agree;

(vii) The curricular internships of the FHSS and FST's study cycles, which are taking place or which may begin face-to-face at external entities or at the Hospital School or at the Pedagogical Clinics, may work in terms similar to those in previous paragraph and subsection;

(viii) Whenever justified, and in order to guarantee an adequate reinforcement of learning and student support times and the possible recovery of laboratory practice and/or clinical teaching, teaching activities may be defined in an extended weekly period (after-work hours; Saturdays) and/or during school break periods included in the academic schedule (Easter holidays; Queima das Fitas week);

(ix) The end of semester, recourse and special exams will always be held face-to-face, on the UFP/HSH-FP campus;

(x) The continuous assessment process of the CUs should provide for the execution of, at least, one final assessment moment to be carried out face-to-face at UFP/HSH-FP;

(xi) Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding subsection, the continuous assessment activities may include a moment of online knowledge assessment, provided that it is possible to guarantee its reliability, namely, and using a connected camera, through written tests with a reduced number of students (equal to or less than 50 students), individual oral exams and/or papers presentation and discussion.



UNIVERSIDADE  
FERNANDO PESSOA

(xii) The discussion of theses, dissertations and undergraduate projects, already scheduled or to be scheduled in the course of the current state of confinement, may take place, in the case of students residing abroad and members of the jury external to UFP/HSH-FP, using videoconference.

These measures will be reviewed and adjusted to the Portuguese government guidelines that may be published, depending on the evolution of the current state of emergency.

Porto, the 2nd of February of 2021.

Foundation Fernando Pessoa

(UFP and HSH-FP)