

Teaching model of the Faculty of Economics for the second semester of 2020-2021.

Approved by the Academic Commission on the 8th of February 2021.

The Academic Commission of June 14th, 2020, together with the Faculty Board of July 6th, 2020, approved the [teaching model for the first semester of 2020-2021](#), which is a model adopted as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis.

When the second semester is about to start, exceptional measures and the restrictions introduced by the health authorities remain. The Rector of the University of Barcelona has also published a new resolution. In this context, it is necessary to establish a **teaching model for the second semester 2020-2021** that continues guaranteeing a teaching with the highest safety guarantees.

The health and the safety of all the members of the Faculty of Economics and Business is the main priority, and, therefore, it is necessary to follow strictly the **guidelines of the health authorities**. For this purpose, the Faculty has its own [Safety protocol](#), where the reduced size of the groups, ventilation and, particularly, the obligatory use of face masks are emphasized.

Considering the restrictions established by the Catalan health authorities, as well as the guidelines of the Rector's resolutions, the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona will use online teaching model at the beginning of the second semester.

In case of a positive evolution of the pandemic, and when the Catalan health authorities allow it, the mixed teaching model that was established for the first semester 2020-2021 will be recovered.

Other important information:

- The teaching model for the second semester will be **applied to all the degrees** of the Faculty.
- The **evaluation systems** should be detailed, as usual, in the teaching plan of the subject to provide the student with updated information.
- The **continuous assessment** will be online, although the Faculty will establish a mid-semester week, after returning from Easter break, to encourage that some of the activities that make part of the evaluation process can be performed face- to-face.
- The **final assessment** through single assessment and re-sit exams will be face-to-face if the health situation and the resolutions of the Catalan health authorities allow it.
- As for those exchange students with **limitations to travel**, the necessary procedures will be enabled to help them in both the continuous and the final evaluation process.
- Because of the new teaching model, it will be necessary to issue an **addendum** to the study plan established at the beginning of the academic year. We recommend to those that have to produce this addendum the following: either for the theoretical sessions or for the theoretical-practical sessions that in the last academic year were held face-to-face (60 hours corresponding to 6 ECTS in undergraduate subjects and 45 hours in master subjects corresponding to 5 ECTS) will be all considered as **face-to-face and online** model.

- Also, the new teaching model can result in **changes in evaluation systems**, which should be indicated in the study plans' addendums. Moreover, an **alternative plan** to the face-to-face evaluation tests should be included in case that the health situation excluded face-to-face assessment.
- The academic regulations remain in force despite the current exceptional situation, so it will be necessary to guarantee its compliance allowing for necessary updates.
- It is necessary to continue ensuring the rights and obligations of the different Faculty members, namely students, academic staff, and administration staff.
- It is necessary to comply with the **schedules established by the Studies Coordinators** both for the classes and the evaluation activities.
- Online tutoring sessions are recommended, although face-to-face model with **appointment** is possible if necessary. To ensure the safety distance, the corresponding department should provide a place intended for this activity.
- Also, an **appointment system for comments on the evaluation tests** should be established, either in online or face-to-face meetings, with the aim to guarantee the individuality and confidentiality of these meetings. In case of face-to-face meetings, the corresponding Department can provide a room that ensure the safety distance between students and teaching staff.