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Abat Oliba CEU

## Being there, no matter what

For the 2020/2021 academic year, UAO CEU has developed a dual attendance model thanks to which students will be able to attend classes on campus or connect to the classroom from their devices. We've made preparations to make sure as many educational activities can be held in person as possible.

To make this new model a reality, Abat Oliba CEU University has equipped all its classrooms with the HyFlex system, which guarantees interactive classes combining attendance by students on campus and students logged in from home.

Under this method, all students are present and can interact in the class, wherever they find themselves physically. This is called the "dual attendance" model, which allows you to be in the classroom either physically or digitally.

## How does it work?

Students will be able to follow the class live on campus or from their home. If you do travel to the UAO CEU campus, all health and safety measures, which have been certified by an independent external audit to comply with public health authorities, must be followed. That means all you have to do is show up and take part. You'll be able to connect from your home or wherever you are live using any electronic device, choosing the camera that best captures what's happening in the session.

A single click will allow you to see the classroom as if you were in the fourth row, watch classmates ask any questions they might have or focus on the teacher thanks to a face-to-face camera that allows you to interact with them. This setup means taking part from home is almost the same as being inside the classroom: each student can choose which camera to watch from at any given moment to make sure they get the view they need of the classroom.

The interaction doesn't stop there: students attending from home can connect to a working session with the rest of the students who are physically in the classroom, meaning group work is no problem. Thanks to the system, you're just a click away from the class from any device.



### Interactive learning experience

#### How is it organised?

The different programmes will be organised to help put in place the dual attendance model (practical classes, in-person sessions for continuous assessment activities, timetables, etc.).

In general, as long as the number of students enrolled and the spaces allow it\*, courses will be held completely in person, on campus.

Where this isn't possible, courses will be organised to offer the dual attendance model (practical classes, in-person sessions for continuous assessment activities, etc.), and to generate an interactive learning experience, whatever happens.

HyFlex technology is integrated into the University's video-conferencing system, meaning that, in the event of another lockdown, classes can continue to be held live and with interactive participation.

\* The requirements or criteria regarding physical presence are subject to possible modification in the event the public health measures dictated by authorities change or where the situation demands a change in organisation.



### Even if you're far away, you'll still be close

#### What if I can't go to the campus for health reasons or because I live far away?

If you provide justified reasons, you can request digital attendance for all or part of the term or the entire year.

So, if you live far away, don't worry, you'll be able to take part in lessons.

#### Near? Far? Now they're synonyms

People vulnerable to COVID-19, people living abroad or outside the Barcelona metropolitan area and people in other particular circumstances, with prior authorisation, may choose to attend all classes and course assessment via the digital, interactive format.

Remember that the dual attendance model allows you to watch the class live, letting you interact with the teacher and your classmates...

This could affect your assessment schedule, but the University will help you by adjusting to your needs in terms of time.

Thanks to the dual attendance system, sessions will be recorded\* and will be available to all students on the platform so that they can retrieve them at any time or watch them for the first time if they weren't able to attend.

- \* For this to be possible, authorisation will be requested from teachers and students.
- The stored videos will be protected so they cannot be downloaded or shared.
  - When the academic period is over, they will be deleted.



### Independently audited health measures

#### Accreditation protecting your safety

The University is committed to providing a safe and healthy campus for students. This is why it not only follows the health protocols established by the authorities, it has also achieved accreditation by an independent auditor.

#### Caring for the UAO CEU community

In recent years, the main goal of the Vice-Rector's Office for Students has been to take care of the university community, an objective that has now a priority issue.

As such, the Abat Oliba CEU Private University Foundation has made extraordinary investments to guarantee the health and safety of all its members.

The Health and Safety Department of Human Resources has worked to produce guidelines and protocols that have led to our Plan for Reopening Workplaces to be approved, as well as the University being awarded "COVID Protected Area" status by AUDELCO.

The various university services will implement digital appointments to assist any student via a live connection through Teams, Zoom or similar.

All departments will develop digital systems to reduce personal contact without compromising quality.

In this spirit, academic records and other official documents will also be transferred to digital formats



### UAO CEU 20/21 ACTION PLAN

## Much more than dual attendance

Dual attendance is an important paradigm shift, as it involves two different ways of being present in a classroom.

However, there is a much deeper shift going on: the real evolution is not in the technology, but in the methodology.

The university is a place of discovery, passion and thought; it's not a place to do the minimum and get a pass, it's a place where you can become what you want to be.



### Going digital Digital in & out

Being digital means dual attendance; being digital means having a virtual campus with multimedia resources to support learning; being digital means evolving to integrate the digital skills required in your future sector as part of the curriculum.



### Thinking Doing & experiencing

We believe that at university we shouldn't learn by rote. Our methodology commits to learning by thinking and doing.

We believe that you come to university to do and to think, or to think and to do: the order really depends on the subject and the course.

If you don't know how to do something, what do you know?

And equally:

If you can't think, what can you hope to do?



### Being independent Deconstructing knowledge

We deconstruct the contents of each discipline into smaller parts, and we do this so you can make sense of everything you learn.

Courses evolve and are structured on the basis of interrelated concepts.

This makes it easier to understand each part and the whole they form.