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Communiqué aux étudiant.e.s concernant les évaluations du second semestre
English version

Dear students,

I hope, to begin with, that you and your loved ones are doing well, and I offer you, on behalf of all the teaching and administrative staff, all our encouragement to face this difficult period.

Our priority, since the closing of the campus, has been to ensure pedagogical continuity, so that you can complete your second semester learning: in the space of 10 days, 1,000 new online spaces have been opened on Coursenligne.

We now want to provide you with the necessary visibility on the second semester exams and the end of the academic year, so that you can organise yourselves as well as possible - and we know that for many of you, this organisation is complicated in the current context of confinement. You will soon receive a summary of all the help (methodological, social, psychological, basic needs...) that we put at your disposal to face this period.

The Presidential team and the faculty directors have discussed at length on the "best" - in view of the circumstances - way to proceed for your evaluation, in session 1 and in session 2, by integrating the numerous constraints, both human and technical.

Because of the confinement, which is set to continue, all the evaluations in the second semester (continuous exams and final exams) will be based on digital tools.

Before bringing to your attention the framework chosen for the second semester exams (for programs that follow the general university calendar), I would like to assure you that we have done everything possible to ensure that we do not postpone the academic year: many of you have planned activities during the months of July and August, which will be all the more vital this year. The adjustment of the initial schedule therefore remains limited, so as to allow for a second session (second chance / catch-up) in June (8 June - 27 June), in person as we all hope (if developments permit), and the holding of session 2 juries in the first half of July.

For the programs that follow the general calendar of the university (for the others: see the information on the page of your faculty/UFR), the limits of the second semester are thus maintained, as well as the use of the weeks (see the initial general calendar online) :

-In addition to the present week (week 10 of our semester calendar: March 23rd - March 28th), there are 2 weeks of teaching and continuous assessment: week 11 (March 30th - April 4th) and week 12 (April 6th - April 11th).

-the spring break week (13 April - 19 April) will be a week without teaching and exams as initially planned.

-after the spring holidays, we will have 3 weeks to hold the exams (terminal exams, derogatory exams, EAD, ...) with the numerical tools: week 1 (20 April - 25 April), week 2 (27 April - 2 May), week 3 (4 May - 7 May). Some continuous control assessments may also, exceptionally, be held during this period.

I would like to point out the following adjustments:

-the first-session juries, which were scheduled to be held from Wednesday, 13 to Wednesday, 20 May, may be held until 30 May.

We have planned a precautionary week (from 11 to 16 May) after the third week of examinations, which could, if the campus is accessible, accommodate some face-to-face activities (we will tell you more shortly).

The aim is that you will be able to organize your work within a clear timeframe.

The planning of the exams is underway, in all faculties/UFR, and you will soon have access to the calendar of exams that will be held from April 20 to May 7. We are trying to keep the exams to a minimum on a fixed schedule: we are well aware of the difficulties many of you have in connecting to the internet. We are doing everything we can, internally and nationally (especially with telephone operators), to alleviate the difficulties you encounter.

More e-mails will follow, to keep you informed of the detailed organisation: thank you for waiting for these details before asking questions. Furthermore, I invite you to regularly consult the information posted on the specific webpage that we have set up for you, which gives you access to the webpages of the faculties/UFRs and to more dedicated resources (internships, social assistance, etc.). Advice will be available on this web page to enable you, in this period of confinement, to organise your studies as well as possible and to preserve your balance.

We are aware that the period generates stress, for you, for your loved ones, for your studies; we know the difficulties that some of you encounter during the confinement. All the teams, pedagogical and administrative, have completely reorganized themselves remotely and are doing their utmost so that together we can overcome these difficulties.

With my best regards,

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