



Rectoral Decree n. 265/20 - March 10, 2020

**Extraordinary measures
for the conduct of examinations and final examinations in electronic mode
as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency**

THE RECTOR

- The Statute of the University of Gastronomic Sciences, approved by Ministerial Decree (hereafter abbreviated as “MD”) of April 15, 2005 issued by Rectoral Decree (hereafter abbreviated as “RD”) no. 1/05 of May 5, 2005 and subsequent amendments, and in particular articles 4, 7, 10, 15, modified with RD 33/07 of April 18, 2007;
- Given the Academic Regulations of the University, approved by MD of April 15, 2005 – Official Journal Publication No. 106 09/05/2005 - Ordinary Supplement n. 84, adopted by RD no. 02/05 of May 5, 2005 as amended, and in particular Article. 27, paragraph 7, adopted by the Decree;
- RD n. 39/07 of 20 September 2007, as amended in accordance with MD of October 22, 2004, n. 270 approved by Decree of the Directorate General for the University on May 15, 2008, adopted by RD n. 63/08 of 20 May 2008.
- Given the Prime Minister's Decree of March 8, 2020 and the successive one of March 9, 2020, which extends across the whole national territory, the following measures have been put in place:
 - o letter h) "(...) didactic activities held at every type of school are suspended as well as attendance of scholastic activities and higher educational instruction, including universities and music conservatories, (...) "; in order to maintain social distance, and also excluding any other alternative form of gathering. (...)"
- Having evaluated the opportunity to ensure, as much as possible, that students can complete their university careers by acquiring their Three- Year Undergraduate and 2-Year Graduate Degrees;

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Art. 1 – Administration of Exam Sessions

Considering the current epidemiological situation, for the period in which in-class academic activities are suspended, in order to guarantee that the exam session will take place, it will be conducted online, and held orally, for the University’s Three-Year Undergraduate Degree Program.

The online exams must be carried out in compliance with the University’s Academic Regulations by means of specific online tools, that is, Skype and Blackboard, so as to verify the identity of the student.

Candidates will verify their identity by exhibiting a valid ID prior to the start of the examination.

Written examinations may be conducted orally.



Online exam evaluation methods will be activated by the President of the Examination Committee, composed in accordance with the provisions of the next article.

Art 2 - Exam Committees

The Exam Committees for the Three-Year Degree Program, as provided by Article 22, paragraph 8, of the University's Academic Regulations, will be composed of at least two members, one of whom must be the primary course instructor whose exam is being carried out online. The Exam Committees will determine the final grades at the end of the exam.

Art. 3 – Administration of Graduation Session

Considering the current epidemiological situation, for the period in which in-class academic activities are suspended, in order to allow candidates to complete their course of study, the final thesis defense for the Three-Year Undergraduate and Two-Year Graduate Degree Programs will be conducted online. The aforementioned evaluations must be carried out online in compliance with the University's Academic Regulations, as well as in accordance with other relevant regulations currently in effect, by means of specific online tools, that is Skype and Blackboard, so as to verify the identity of the student. Candidates will verify their identity by exhibiting a valid ID prior to the start of the thesis defense.

Online evaluation methods for the thesis defense will be activated by the President of the Examination Committee, composed in accordance with the provisions of the next article.

Art. 4 – Graduation Committees

The Graduation Committees must be formed according to the provisions of Art. 27, paragraph 7, of the University's Academic Regulations.

The Graduation Committees will determine the final grade for each candidate, which will then be recorded and kept by the President of the Committee, and then sent to the relevant offices of the University for the completion of subsequent procedures.

Art. 5 - Application of this Decree

The provisions of this Decree shall apply to all exam and graduation sessions scheduled during this health emergency.

Art. 6 - Publication

This Decree has been published on the University's website.

The Rector
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