

## **Special Rules for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of the academic year 2020/2021**

Following the current pandemic situation and the several states of emergency that have been implemented, the Pedagogical Council approved, at the meeting of January 29, the following set of special rules for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the academic year 2020/2021.

**1** – As announced the classes at ISA will start on February 08 and will be entirely on-line.

**2** – There will be no academic break during Carnival.

**3** – Two different possible scenarios are determined, depending on the evolution of the pandemic situation (please refer to the maps available at the end of the document with both scenarios). Scenario A foresees the possibility of in-person/face-to-face teaching activities starting around Easter and Scenario B foresees the possibility of in-person/face-to-face activities only at the end of the semester. The decision concerning which one of the scenarios to implement will be made, at the latest, until March 15, 2021.

### Scenario A

A.1) In this scenario it is assumed that from Easter it will be possible to carry out in-presence/face-to-face activities, like classes and assessments.

A.2) The academic semester will begin on February 08 and will end on June 04, with a predicted total of 13 weeks of classes.

A.3) During the week of March 29 to April 02 no teaching activities can take place, since this period corresponds to Easter holidays and a pedagogical break.

A.4) The missing exams of the regular examination period of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, as well as all the exams of the special examination period of all the curricular years (with exception of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the Bachelor programs) will be taken in-presence during a 3 weeks period after Easter, between April 05 and 23.

A.5) During the period indicated in the previous point, it will not be possible to schedule classes nor any kind of assessment or deadline to deliver assignments, beyond the exams already fixed concerning the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

A.6) In the week of April 26 to 30 classes will restart (either in an on-line or in a mixed format) but it will not be possible to schedule any tests or deadline for assignments that involve a high degree of dedication or previous study by the students.

A.7) The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester exams will occur between June 14 and July 09 (regular period) and between July 12 and 23 (special period).

A.8) The exams regarding the special period of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the Bachelor programs will take place from September 06 to 10, 2021.

### Scenario B

B.1) In this scenario it is assumed that in-presence activities will only be possible by the end of the semester.

B.2) The academic semester will start on February 08 and will end on May 14, with a predicted total of 13 weeks of classes.

B.3) The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester exams will occur between May 24 and June 18 (regular period) and between June 21 and July 02 (special period).

B.4) The missing exams of the regular examination period of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester will be taken from July 05 to 23.

B.5) The exams of the special examination period of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester will be taken September 06 and 17.

**4** – Due the disturbance caused by the pandemic, in the current academic year all students can exceptionally have access to the special examination period of both semesters, as long as they have a valid frequency.

**5** – All the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester curricular units with **less than 50 enrolled students** will have, mandatorily, to adopt a continuous evaluation model that foresees the possibility of dismissing students from the final exam. Considering the difficulty in knowing the number of students enrolled at the beginning of classes, for this particular situation, the reference will be the number of students enrolled last year in each curricular unit.

**6** – Knowing the additional difficulties that on-line teaching can pose for many students, it is recommended some tolerance in the attendance to the on-line classes as a condition to obtaining frequency.

**7** – The planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester classes should foresee the following two possibilities:

- a) the possibility of in-presence/face-to-face classes during part of the semester
- b) the possibility of on-line classes during the whole semester.

**8** – In case the evolution of the pandemic situation does not permit the accomplishment of in-presence assessments during the current academic year, Scenario B will be adopted, with all the assessments held on-line.

**9** – The exams calendar, with the day of each curricular unit exam, will be published In due time by the Pedagogical Council.

**10** – Any questions concerning the interpretation of these rules as well as any missing cases should be clarified with the President of the Pedagogical Council (Prof. Miguel Mourato) or with the Vice-President of ISA (Prof. Helena Oliveira).

Approved in the Pedagogical Council's meeting of January 29, 2021

## Academic calendar 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2020/2021 – Scenario A

Week	Observations	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	Beginning of the semester	7/2	8	9	10	11	12	13
2		14/2	15	16	17	18	19	20
3		21/2	22	23	24	25	26	27
4		28/2	1/3	2	3	4	5	6
5		7/3	8	9	10	11	12	13
6	Day 15 – Decision about the scenario to adopt	14/3	15	16	17	18	19	20
7		21/3	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Easter (29/3 – 2/4)	28/3	29	30	31/3	1/4	2	3
	In-person exams period 1 <sup>st</sup> semester	4/4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		11/4	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18/4	19	20	21	22	23	24
8		25/4	26	27	28	29	30/4	1/5
9		2/5	3	4	5	6	7	8
10		9/5	10	11	12	13	14	15
11		16/5	17	18	19	20	21	22
12		23/5	24	25	26	27	28	29
13		30/5	31/5	1/6	2	3	4	5
	Pedagogical break	6/6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Normal exams period 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	13/6	14	15	16	17	18	19
		20/6	21	22	23	24	25	26
		27/6	28	29	30	1/7	2	3
		4/7	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Special exams period 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	11/7	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18/7	19	20	21	22	23	24
		25/7	26	27	28	29	30	31
	School Holidays(August)	1/8	2	3	4	5	6	7
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		29	30	31	1/9	2	3	4
	Special exams period 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (only for 1 <sup>st</sup> year Bsc)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25

## Academic calendar 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2020/2021 – Scenario B

Week	Observations	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	Beginning of the semester	7/2	8	9	10	11	12	13
2		14/2	15	16	17	18	19	20
3		21/2	22	23	24	25	26	27
4		28/2	1/3	2	3	4	5	6
5		7/3	8	9	10	11	12	13
6	Day 15 – Decision about the scenario to adopt	14/3	15	16	17	18	19	20
7		21/3	22	23	24	25	26	27
8	Easter Holidays (31/3 to 6/4)	28/3	29	30	31/3	1/4	2	3
		4/4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9		11/4	12	13	14	15	16	17
10		18/4	19	20	21	22	23	24
11		25/4	26	27	28	29	30/4	1/5
12		2/5	3	4	5	6	7	8
13		9/5	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Pedagogical break	16/5	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Normal exams period 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	23/5	24	25	26	27	28	29
		30/5	31/5	1/6	2	3	4	5
		6/6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		13/6	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Special exams period 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	20/6	21	22	23	24	25	26
		27/6	28	29	30	1/7	2	3
	In-person exams period 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (missing exams)	4/7	5	6	7	8	9	10
		11/7	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18/7	19	20	21	22	23	24
		25/7	26	27	28	29	30	31
	School Holidays (August)	1/8	2	3	4	5	6	7
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		29	30	31	1/9	2	3	4
	Special exams period 1 <sup>st</sup> semester	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25