

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS LINKED TO INCOMING MOBILITY PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LEÓN 2019/2020

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IS IT LIKELY THAT ON-SITE LESSONS AT THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LEÓN WILL START AGAIN THIS ACADEMIC YEAR?

No, however the period of lessons will continue respecting the calendar established for the 2019/2020 academic year.

In the unlikely situation that the Health Authorities allow the resumption of on-site lessons this academic year, those incoming mobility students at the Universidad de León who are not in León/Ponferrada, will continue with the remote evaluation of their subjects as planned.

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO RETURN TO MY HOME RESIDENCE (COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) WHILST CONTINUING TO FOLLOW ONLINE LESSONS AT THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LEÓN?

Yes, the Universidad de León has enabled a remote learning modality via its virtual campus [Agora](#) (Moodle). This way, provided you have the appropriate technological means, you can continue your academic mobility regardless of where you are. Please make sure that you will have access to internet, our institutional platform and to basic technological equipment that will allow you to follow your studies and have regular contact with your teachers.

Remember that if you decide to return to your home residence you should follow the indications contained in the Statement from the Vice-Rectorate for International Relations of the Universidad de León dated April 27th, 2020. Make sure you keep all bus/train/plane tickets as proof of your departure from Spain.

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**I AM IN PONFERRADA/LEÓN BUT WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO MY COUNTRY.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

As a general rule, you must follow the instructions of the Spanish authorities and contact the Embassy/Consulate of your country in Spain to inform them of your situation. Once these contacts have been made, follow the indications contained in the Statement from the Vice-Rectorate for International Affairs of the Universidad de León dated April 27th, 2020.

HOW WILL MY SUBJECTS BE EVALUATED BY THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LEÓN?

Every subject has a teaching guide that collects information on the subject, including the new assessment procedure. In general, the evaluation will be done remotely. It is important that you review the teaching guides of your subjects and maintain regular communication with your teachers to clarify any questions you may have in this regard.

IS IT BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE MY EXAMS FROM MY HOME COUNTRY?

Yes, provided you have the appropriate technical means there. The Universidad de León has activated a remote evaluation procedure for the development and evaluation of the subjects this semester.

You will have two chances to pass your exams (ordinary and extraordinary call) which will be done remotely. Teachers will modify their teaching guides to include all changes necessary in this regard, indicating how the evaluations will be carried out.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IF I WANT TO CANCEL MY MOBILITY?

If you have decided to return to your home country and cancel your academic mobility/stay, you must follow the indications contained in the Statement from the Vice Rectorate for International Affairs of the Universidad de León dated April 27th, 2020.

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DOES RETURNING TO MY HOME COUNTRY IMPLY THE AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION OF MY ACADEMIC MOBILITY AT THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LEÓN?

No, any mobility student currently doing their academic mobility/stay at the Universidad de León will continue to do so under the same conditions of any other students enrolled in the Universidad de León, regardless of the location in which they are following the course.

WHAT ABOUT MY ERASMUS+ KA107 GRANT? WILL IT BE CANCELLED IF I DECIDE TO RETURN TO MY HOME COUNTRY?

We are awaiting instructions from the Spanish Service for the Internationalisation of Education (SEPIE in Spanish) in order to answer this question. Initially, the information they have sent us indicates that while you are doing your academic stay, you have the right to receive the financial amounts established in the grant agreement.

In the case of canceling your mobility, we have been informed about the possibility of allocating the costs incurred up to the moment of cancellation. The total amount should never be higher than the amount of the scholarship initially granted as it appears in the grant agreement.

It is very important that in all cases, you remember to keep all the supporting documentation of the expenses incurred (airline tickets, boarding passes, etc.).

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR THE ACCOMMODATION I HAD ARRANGED IN LEÓN ONCE I LEAVE?

The Universidad de León doesn't provide accommodation nor does it have any relation with the accommodation providers or tenants of our students. Any questions regarding the payment of rent, halls of residence, etc., should be checked via your contract and dealt with by the person or entity you have rented the room/flat from to try and reach the most favorable agreement possible for both parties.

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THE VALIDITY OF MY VISA OR NIE EXPIRES BEFORE I CAN RETURN BACK HOME. WHAT DO I DO?

On May 20th, 2020, Order SND/421/2020, May 18th, entered into force, adopting measures related to the extensions of authorisations to stay, reside and/or work as well as other situations of foreigners in Spain, in application of Royal Decree 463/2020, March 14th, declaring the State of Alarm for the management of the health crisis situation consequence of COVID-19.

All authorisations to stay for studies, student mobility, placements and Foreigner Identity Cards (NIE), whose validity expires during the State of Alarm (including all successive extensions) or has expired in the 90 calendar days prior to the date on which it was decreed, will be automatically extended. This automatic extension will begin the day after the expiration of the authorisation or NIE and will last until 6 months have elapsed since the end of the State of Alarm.

I HAVE RETURNED HOME AND THE VALIDITY OF MY VISA OR NIE HAS EXPIRED. WILL I BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO LEÓN IF NECESSARY?

Even though it is not something we would recommend, it is possible. According to Order SND/421/2020, May 18th, in application of Royal Decree 463/2020, March 14th, declaring the State of Alarm for the management of the health crisis situation consequence of COVID-19, holders of stay authorisation for studies who are abroad may enter Spain with their valid non-expired travel document (passport, ID card from their country of origin) and the expired Foreigner Identity Card (NIE).

IS THE FACEMASK USE COMPULSORY?

Yes, it is. Order SND/422/2020, May 19th, and in force since May 21st, regulates the conditions for the mandatory use of a facemask during the health situation consequence of COVID-19.

The use of a facemask is mandatory in people six years of age and older on public roads or outdoor spaces and all spaces for public use whenever it is not possible to keep an interpersonal distance of a minimum of 2 meters. It is also compulsory when using public transport.

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The only **exceptions** are: people with some type of respiratory distress, those who are not allowed to wear a facemask for health reasons (will need proof), when taking part in activities incompatible with the use of the facemask and in cause of force majeure or situation of need duly justified.

IN PHASE 0.5. WHAT CAN I DO?

You can go out at any time to supermarkets, grocery stores, chemists, to get basic necessities, go to the doctor, bank and in cause of force majeure or situation of need.

Some restaurants, bars and cafes offer a takeaway service, you first need to order online or by phone. Consumption is not allowed in the premises.

The opening of stores of up to 400 m² is allowed, without prior appointment, for individual customer service, with the ratio of 1 customer per worker and with capacity reduced to 30%.

It is also possible to go for a **walk alone**, or with **1 person who lives your home**, within a radius of **1 km from your home** and in the time slots **from 6:00 to 10:00 or 20:00 to 23:00**. There is no limit of time on the street as long as you keep to those slots.

Once a day and within the time slots mentioned, you can practice **individual sports** that don't require contact with third parties. To practice sport, you must stay within your municipality. **Accompanied exercise is not allowed**. You can't use any kind of motorised vehicle or public transport to travel in order to do outdoor sports.

All this as long as you don't have symptoms compatible with the disease or have had recent contact with someone with symptoms or has been diagnosed with Covid-19.

IN THE PHASE 1. WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO DO?

You can continue to do everything that was allowed in Phase 0.5.

You can also get together with a group of up to 10 people, always allowing for a distance of 2 meters between each other. This can take place in homes, outside tables in bars and restaurants or outdoors.

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Outdoor tables will be available in restaurants, bars and cafes under the condition that a maximum of 10 people will be able to share a table or group of tables. There will be a capacity limit of 50%.

Hotels and tourist accommodation will be allowed to open, but common areas will not be available. The use of swimming pools, spas or gyms will not be allowed.

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