

Dear partners and colleagues,

This is first to send you a message of solidarity and hope from the President of the University of Poitiers, Yves Jean, in the attached file, and to inform you of the various measures that the University of Poitiers has adopted to address the Covid-19 pandemic.

Like all universities in France, the University of Poitiers has been closed since the 16th of March 2020 until further notice. These measures concern all of its structures: the different departments, the teaching units, the central administrative services, the pooled services and the research laboratories.

We are closely monitoring the situation and are in constant contact with the local, national, and European authorities. In order to keep our students and staff informed, a website with up-to-date information is available at the following address: <https://www.univ-poitiers.fr/epidemie-de-covid-19-coronavirus/>

Please rest assured that even in these particular circumstances, the well-being, health and learning of our students are our biggest concern and our highest priority.

Currently, all face-to-face teaching has been suspended (including the intensive language courses) until the 15th of April, a period that may be extended if circumstances dictate. Every effort has been made to provide alternative teaching solutions, such as distance learning or/and online teaching. Every student is receiving instructions from their pedagogical supervisors and teachers. We strongly advise students to contact their academic coordinators for any issues relating to their classes or exams.

We understand that some of you have asked your students in exchange at the University of Poitiers to return home or, for those who hadn't left yet, to cancel their upcoming exchange. We have advised the same for our students currently on exchange abroad. However, for those who have remained in Poitiers, rest assured that we are in constant contact with them to update them on the situation, advise them accordingly (regarding unsubscription, refunds, etc.) and to provide them with every necessary support and assistance needed.

Transcripts of records for first semester:

Due to the current situation, editing of the transcripts of records, in several courses, for the first semester of the Academic year 2019-2020, will require more time. As always, all the pedagogical and administrative teams are fully mobilized to assist, as necessary, all the students of the university (whether they are incoming students currently in Poitiers or outgoing students currently at your universities). We thank you in advance for your understanding and your indulgence with respect to this situation. We will do our very best to send to you, as soon as possible, the students transcripts of records, hopefully by June 2020.

International Exchange at the University of Poitiers for the year 2020-2021:

We will accept applications for exchange students as usual, and, if necessary, extend the application deadline for several of our courses. We will also keep providing relevant application information and support to interested/prospective students.

Students who had to cancel their exchange in 2019-2020 are more than welcome to come back for a subsequent semester.

Students from the University of Poitiers currently in partner universities abroad:

The French Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI) has encouraged our students to return home. However, those who chose to stay abroad will not be penalized. As the situation evolves rapidly, we are regularly in contact with them. We have also asked them to follow the advice and restrictive measures adopted by their host university. We thank you all sincerely for taking care of them.

Finally, we wish to send you and your loved ones a message of support for these difficult and challenging times.

The International Relations Office remains available and can be reached at the following address: ri@univ-poitiers.fr

A special email address (coronavirus.ri@ml.univ-poitiers.fr) has also been set up in case of emergency for our staff and students. Feel free to use it if required.

Best regards,

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