

Dear students,

With this message we would like to express our **deep commitment to the international idea** and to you, students, the true ambassadors of internationalization of your university in our UAO CEU. **Conditions and scenarios for student mobility** during the next year change constantly, in relation to the situation in Barcelona, Spain and your respective home countries. Despite certain complexities and uncertainties that such a situation contains, we want to communicate that **we stay firm with the idea of providing you with an international experience** during the next semester. Based on latest information of Spain's highest competent authorities, we have designed different scenarios for how such an international experience could be and what it could look like, in case there needs to be an adaption to respective conditions of the reality of education in times of COVID19:

1. **If the situation continues to improve, we will try to provide whole semester hybrid/blended mobility to our international students.** This is the scenario that we still work with at this moment. This means that we will combine face-to face and online activities to keep up with restrictions and measures of social distancing. We welcome you in Barcelona to gain a strong international experience with students of our university and other students from all over the world but under the conditions that allow us to keep up with security measures. Face to face activities include seminars with a small number of students, workshops, and experiential learning in facilities of UAO CEU and in the Barcelona area.
2. **If the situation does not allow differently or redevelops negatively, during your mobility, we will provide a more online based hybrid teaching experience** that combines our excellent online teaching service and administrative support with personal tutoring and only some face to face experiences inside and outside of UAO CEU. In case there is a new lockdown, activities will be exclusively online and return to a hybrid model as soon as circumstances allow so.
3. **Only if scenario 1 and 2 fail, we will fall back to a purely digital international mobility.** In this case, we encourage students to take benefit from our excellent online teaching and academic service. Like the other institutions of the CEU group, during recent months UAO CEU has shown its strength and expertise in digital and combined hybrid learning. **The CEU group has been ranked one of the three top HEIs (Higher Education Institutions) in digitalization and innovation** by the prestigious Spanish journal *El Economista*. It is thanks to our **philosophy "Think and Create"** which combines innovative experiential learning with applied practicing of knowledge and our very personalized teaching and tutoring style that we are able to provide excellent academic experiences to all our students, even under difficult conditions.

UAO CEU has **excellent infrastructures** and has been able to turn the perception of anonymity within digital environments into **a great experience of human closeness and academic quality**. UAO CEU stands for **personalized human relations** and **academic contents that are perfectly tailored to different digital and non-digital environments**. With video streaming services of classes, COILs (Collaborative Online International Learning), short audiovisual learning units, digital debates, experiential digital learning and digital group work, UAO CEU has redefined the focus on digital learning and provides students with an excellent international learning experience.

If it is possible within both national contexts (and if this is authorized by the respective authorities of the countries you come from and our situation in Spain), you might

consider coming to Barcelona even if teaching at UAO CEU only takes place online. In this case please check on eligibility for grants (e.g. the ERASMUS grant) with your home Higher Education Institutions.

As innovative, highly modern institution with an international spirit, **we believe in the importance of international experiences to your curriculum**. Thus, UAO CEU will do its best to provide all of you with **the best possible scenario for your international experience** throughout the next academic year. Please stay aware for possible updates of applied scenarios for international students.

You are UAO CEU!

Best

The UAO CEU International Team