

Dear future students of UAO CEU from all over the world,

With this message we reach out to you, our current/future students, that come, or have planned to come from all over the world in order to study in an excellent university, placed in one of the greatest cities of the world.

Conditions and scenarios for studies abroad during the next academic year change constantly, in relation to the international situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and that of each one of the countries involved.

Despite some complexities and uncertainties that such a situation contains, we want to express **UAO CEU's commitment to providing you its excellent service**, either if you come to Barcelona, or if you face certain temporary travel restrictions, or if you are not able to come to Spain throughout the whole forthcoming semester and still want to have **a great international academic experience**.

To adapt to your needs, we have adapted most services and activities to a digital environment.

The **admission and enrolment process** are fully digitalized and can be carried out **online**. The admission and postgraduate department will carry out **online interviews and exams in order to simplify the steps needed to become a UAO CEU international student**.

Our language department will provide you with **language courses and language certificates via digital tools** such as **TEAMS, Blackboard and Outlook**.

The International Department works with you and serves as a central digital hub to **deliver effective management of your stay and integration into the UAO CEU community**. It will also contribute to getting you in touch with **a matching international tutor** with international experience and intercultural skills, who will provide you with **guidance in academic matters, via email and video conferences**.

Work placements and internships as much as the preparation for future jobs in Europe's leading companies will be managed online by our work and internship hub.

Our digital library will provide you with the necessary **resources to follow courses and develop your intellectual and analytical skills**.

During recent months, UAO CEU has shown its **strength and expertise in digital and combined hybrid learning, to the point that** . the CEU group has been ranked **as 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 outstanding academic experiences with a human edge to all our students, even under difficult conditions.

UAO CEU has **excellent infrastructures** and has turned the perception of anonymity within digital environments into **a great experience of human closeness and academic quality**. UAO CEU stands for **personalized human relations, quick and efficient administration and academic contents that are perfectly tailored to different digital and non-digital environments**. Online

classes will combine full streaming of lectures, short audiovisual learning units, digital debates, experiential digital learning, and digital group work.

Furthermore, UAO CEU has experience with COILs (Collaborative Online International Learning) that will allow students to **interact with international partners even if mobility is limited**.

As innovative, highly modern institution with an international spirit, **we believe in you as the future leaders of a globalized world**. UAO CEU will do its best to provide all of you with **the best international, applied and innovative academic experience** throughout the next academic year. Please stay aware for possible updates of applied scenarios for international students.

You are UAO CEU!

Best

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