

## COMMUNIQUÉ FOR INCOMING INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY STUDENTS CURRENTLY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GRANADA

15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear student,

Following the establishment of a national state of alarm by the Spanish government to tackle the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, we would like to send you a message of calm, solidarity and encouragement as we face this difficult situation together. As you know, the situation is evolving very rapidly as exceptional measures are put in place around the world, including of course Spain, to combat the spread of the virus.

As you are probably already aware, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March the Spanish government decreed a state of alarm in the entire country, introducing severe measures to reduce the spread of the virus. These measures reinforce earlier decisions, including the suspension of all on-campus teaching, academic and cultural activities taken by the Andalusian authorities and rectors (communiqué 13<sup>th</sup> March). They include:

- the closure of shops (except essential goods), cafeterias, bars and restaurants;
- the suspension of leisure, cultural and sports activities and events;
- restrictions on individual freedom of movement, meaning that we may only now leave our homes to carry out essential activities, such as buying food and other essential items; attending essential medical appointments; looking after dependents; going to the bank; going to work.

You will find detailed information on the specific measures taken in the UGR, in particular regarding on-line teaching, through the communiqués published and constantly updates on the UGR main website: <a href="https://www.ugr.es">www.ugr.es</a>.

It is essential that you respect the rules established by the authorities, in particular:

- Stay at home except to carry out essential activities.
- If you think you may have contracted Covid-19, follow the specific guidelines on how to act available on the UGR's main website: <a href="https://www.ugr.es">www.ugr.es</a>.
- Keep in touch by email with your local UGR tutor or Deputy Dean at your Faculty, School or International School for Postgraduate Studies, for information on on-line teaching, and to notify them of any change in your situation (see list of email contacts)
- Keep in touch with your contact persons at your home university

We understand that the situation caused by this health emergency may prove difficult and stressful for you. The entire team responsible for international mobility at your Faculty or School, together with the central International Office, is at your disposal if you need help or



advice at this time. For any issues you may have, please contact your Faculty of School in the first instance.

We strongly appeal to your civic responsibility and ask you to adhere strictly to the limitations established by the government and the recommendations of the health authorities, as it is essential that we all tackle this crisis together.

Our warm regards and very best wishes for the coming weeks,

Internationalization team