

Special rules and regulations for 2nd Semester 2021-22 exams, taking into account the Covid-19 pandemic exceptions

The calendar for the 2nd Semester 2021-22 exams has been published by the respective Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD degree offices since the beginning of the academic year.

Under normal conditions, ISEG's General Rules and Regulations for Knowledge Assessment (RGAC) stipulate that the assessment includes a final exam during the Normal and Re-sit Periods, which are taken in-person. This plan was accordingly announced to students and faculty alike at the beginning of the current academic year, **the rule being that 2nd Semester exams for the 2021-2022 academic year will be held in-person.**

Nevertheless, according to the reference indicators and with Portugal facing the start of a 6th wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has currently become necessary to apply some exceptional rules under the terms defined below. The governing principles considered when defining these rules and regulations are the protection of students' rights to assessment in conjunction with the provisions stipulated in the Universidade de Lisboa Rector's Deliberations that have been issued over time since the beginning of the pandemic.

The exceptions considered are the following:

The holding of Normal and Re-sit Period exams by students who are infected with Covid-19 during these periods

Those students who, on the date of their exams for the 2nd Semester Normal or Re-sit Periods are proven to be infected with Covid-19, and who therefore cannot sit the examination for a CU in person, are permitted to be excused from sitting the respective exam, but are entitled to sit the same exam during the **Special Period** in September, should the following different situations apply:

- a) Should a student be prevented from sitting the Normal Period exam because they are infected with Covid-19, they will be permitted to sit their exam during the Re-sit Period in September. In effect, this Re-sit Period will function as the Normal Period for the student in question (i.e., the habitual continuous assessment factors for the Normal Season must be considered). If the student fails their Re-sit Period exam, then they are entitled to re-sit the respective exam during the Special Period in September (just as if it was the usual Re-sit Period, whilst also taking into consideration the continuous assessment factors).
- b) Should a student fail their Normal Period exam and finds themselves infected with Covid-19 at the time of the Re-sit Period exam, then they are entitled to re-sit the exam during the Special Period in September, with the same continuous assessment factors being considered just as if it was the usual Re-sit Period.

c) In the case when a student wishes to attempt to improve their grade during the current semester, but finds themselves infected with Covid-19 at the time of the Re-sit/Grade Improvement Period, they are accordingly entitled to attempt to improve their grade during the Special Period in September (in which case, all continuous assessment factors for that semester are not considered, in accordance with the terms of the general rule).

The overlying objective is therefore to ensure that all students are guaranteed access to two exam periods.

Procedure

Should they find themselves in the situation described above (i.e., infected with Covid-19), **students must send proof of infection, issued by the Health Authority, to the respective Degree Office within two working days of the announced examination date** (in the case of Bachelor's degrees: seclic@iseg.ulisboa.pt, and smd@iseg.ulisboa.pt in the case of Master's and PhD degrees).

The Academic Services should inform the Coordinators of curricular units the names of all students covered by the conditions of this exceptional situation at least 48 hours before the date of the next applicable exam.

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