



Politecnico
di Bari

Direzione Generale

Via G. Amendola n. 126/b – 70126 Bari

To all Politecnico di Bari students

To all Politecnico di Bari teaching staff, directors,
and technical, library and administrative staff

Re: Legislative Decree 111/2021 - teaching activity, examinations and Green Pass requirements to enter the Politecnico di Bari from 1st September 2021.

Dear All,

As previously noted in the e-mail sent out on 9th August, from 1st September to 31st December 2021 students without a Green Pass are not permitted access to any of the Politecnico site and will be required to show the Pass when asked to do so as part of random checks which Politecnico staff reserve the right to carry out.

This does not apply to those students who are exempt from the vaccination campaign as holders of a medical certificate, issued in accordance with criteria outlined by the Italian Health Ministry.

This is in line with article 9b, articles 1 and 3, of Legislative Decree n.52 (22 Apr 2021), applied by Law 87/2021 and introduced in section 1.6 of Legislative Decree 111/2021;

“1. From 1st September 2021 to 31st December 2021, the end of the current state of emergency, in order to protect public health and ensure appropriate safety conditions in the essential provision of education, all Italian school and university staff, as well as university students, must be in possession of (and are required to show) the green Covid-19 certificate as per article 9.2; 3. The regulations in section 1 do not apply to those exempt from the current vaccination campaign as holders of a medical certificate issued in line with the criteria outlined by the Italian Health Ministry”.

In order to draw your attention to the importance of respecting to these regulations, this document indicates recent developments and describes how lessons and exams will be carried out from 1st September.

RECENT REQUIREMENTS LEGISLATIVE DECREE N.111 (6TH AUGUST)

Until 31st December 2021, the end of the current state of emergency, Legislative Decree 111/2021 has confirmed the adoption of the following safety measures for students and all those wishing to gain access to the Politecnico di Bari site:

- the use of protective masks, except for individuals with medical conditions or disabilities which are incompatible with their use;
- prohibition of access or presence within Politecnico buildings for individuals with flu-like symptoms or body temperature in excess of 37.5°;
- interpersonal social distancing of at least 1 metre.

GENERAL RULES FOR ACCESS TO THE POLITECNICO DI BARI (*GREEN PASS*)

As mentioned above, from 1st September to 31st December 2021, in order to access Politecnico buildings, all Politecnico students must hold a Green Pass and will be required to show this when asked to do so as part of random checks by Politecnico staff.

The Green Pass rule does not apply to those students who are exempt from the current vaccination campaign as holders of a medical certificate issued in accordance with the criteria outlined by the Italian Health Ministry (details on how to apply for this certification are available in Health Ministry memo n. 35309 (4/8/2021), which can be found at the following link; [4-circolare-sulle-certificazioni-di-esenzione-alla-vaccinazione-anti-covid-19.pdf \(isipertinilucca.edu.it\)](https://www.isipertinilucca.edu.it/4-circolare-sulle-certificazioni-di-esenzione-alla-vaccinazione-anti-covid-19.pdf)).

The Green Pass is available both as a digital or printed certificate and is issued on the Health Ministry web platform. **The document also contains a QR code** as an authenticity and validity measure. The certificate is free and available to all those who:

- have had their first dose (or a single dose vaccine) at least 15 days before;
- have completed their vaccine course;
- provide a negative result from a molecular or rapid test taken in the previous 48 hours;
- have recovered from Covid-19 within the previous 6 months.

Details on how to obtain the Green Pass and its validity are available on the “*Certificazione verde COVID-19 / EU Digital COVID certificate*” section of the government’s website <https://www.dgc.gov.it/web/> (information only in Italian).

GREEN PASS CHECKS

During lessons and examinations, teaching or delegated staff may carry out random checks to ensure possession of a Green Pass. This is carried out by reading the QR code on the Pass with a specific application.

Therefore, when requested by staff, all students will be required to display their Green Pass in **digital** format (using smartphones) or **paper-based** format.

In order to speed up Green Pass inspection during oral and written examinations, students are asked to have a paper-based Pass available and visible at all times.

Random checks may be carried out at any time by delegated staff on students within any part of the Politecnico di Bari site (libraries, study rooms, department buildings, outdoor spaces, etc.).

In order to carry out Green Pass validity checks, staff will use the “**VerificaC19**” application developed by the Health Ministry. This app only displays the authenticity, validity and integrity of the Pass, as well as the general details of the holder (name, surname and date of birth). It does not show details regarding its reasons for issue.

Specifically, staff will not be able to see details of vaccinations, recovery from illness, negative test results or the expiry date of the Pass.

Staff may ask students to show a current, valid ID document to confirm that the personal details shown correspond with those displayed on the app.

Following a scan of the QR code using *VerificaC19*, the colour green on the app shows that the certificate is fully valid. The colour red indicates that the certificate is not valid.

In these circumstances, as well as in cases of refusal to show the Green Pass (except for those students with medical exemption) or non-correspondence between ID and Pass details, sanctions will be applied as per article 9b, section 5 of Legislative Decree n.52 (22/4/2021), applied by Law n.87 (17/6/2021). **The student will be asked to leave the Politecnico campus immediately and all details will be reported to the Administration to pursue possible disciplinary action.**

ATTENDING LESSONS

First and foremost, it is worth noting that Legislative Decree 111/2021 has confirmed that “**university teaching and curricular activity are to be carried out primarily in the classroom**” (art 1,1).

Remote lesson attendance will also be allowed using the Teams platform.

For those who wish to attend courses on campus, an app is currently under development allowing students to reserve a seat in the classroom in question. This will be available shortly and is designed to guarantee required safety conditions and social distancing.

In all cases, students will be required to provide a self-declaration in electronic format, using the QR code shown on the entrance door to the classroom. This will allow for the traceability of all users of Politecnico buildings. As part of the declaration, users confirm that they:

- 1) *are not currently required to undergo quarantine or medical self-isolation or are unaware that they are currently positive for Covid-19;*
- 2) *are aware that any activity carried out at Politecnico di Bari requires the obligatory use of face masks, except for individuals with illnesses or disabilities that are incompatible with their use. They are also aware that access to or presence within Politecnico buildings is prohibited for individuals with flu-like symptoms or a body temperature in excess of 37.5°;*
- 3) *are fully aware of the regulations outlined in Legislative Decree n.111 (6/8/2021), in particular the obligation for students who intend to access any part of the Politecnico di Bari campus from 1st Sept – 31st Dec 2021 to hold a Green Pass and to show this on request to delegated Politecnico staff (except for those individuals who are exempt from the current vaccination campaign for certified medical reasons);*
- 4) *are aware that non-adherence to the regulations outlined in point 3 face penalties as per art.4 of Legislative Decree n.19 (25 March 2020), applied by Law 35 (22 May 2020) with amendments;*
- 5) *are aware of all current Sars-CoV-2 infection containment measures in place in Italy and of the ensuing protocols set out in the Politecnico website.*

EXAMINATIONS

In line with Rectoral Decree n.429 (28 May 2021) establishing that the current standard procedure for sitting exams is in-person attendance, it should also be noted that exemptions may be granted and that exams may be taken remotely **exclusively** for;

- a) **vulnerable students**, whose illness or pathology makes their in-person attendance *inadvisable*;
- b) students who are **unavailable** due to **certified health reasons**;
- c) **international students** for whom transport limitations make in-person attendance impossible.

Students meeting these conditions must send details to the president of the exam board, asking to sit the exam remotely.

Students in categories a) and b) must also send certified medical documentation to the course co-ordinator.

As part of current regulations outlining protection procedures, it should be noted that in-person examinations will be held in suitable classrooms which guarantee social distancing (teaching staff will undertake to organise an appropriate number of sessions to avoid large-scale gatherings).

Students sitting examinations must also complete the self-declaration form outlined above, which can be filled in electronically using the QR code displayed on the entrance door of the classroom.

FURTHER GUIDELINES

In order to ensure efficient communication, all students are asked to use exclusively their Politecnico e-mail address (name.surname@studenti.poliba.it) for all notifications related to this document and for all general correspondence with the Politecnico.

We thank you for your understanding at this difficult time for the entire country and are confident that the measures adopted will contribute to a gradual return to a much hoped-for “normality”. Meanwhile, we wish you all the very best for the upcoming academic year.

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