

Dear students,

The Winter Semester of 2021 is, for many of you, the first time you will be stepping in the School of Philosophy, while others will be returning to our School after a year and a half of online teaching.

I am delighted to welcome you on behalf of the maintenance and cleaning staff of the School of Philosophy and to convey our wishes for a creative and safe academic year!

I would also like to draw your attention to the following remarks:

1. The cleaning staff of our School is working very hard on a daily basis to clean and disinfect all teaching rooms for our benefit and will try to the best of their ability to air and disinfect rooms in the course of the day, before and after classes. It is important to respect their work, appreciate their efforts and contribute as far as this is possible to maintaining teaching room and common areas at a clean state.
2. We all need to apply all safety measures in the School and especially in the teaching rooms: please wear your masks properly and do not bring food or drinks in the rooms. Please avoid behaviour that endangers your health or the health of others.
3. Given that the staff of the School is unable to verify the covid status of all staff, students and visitors, it is up to us to protect ourselves and others. Please bear in mind that, among your peers, your teachers and the staff of our School, there are many who belong to vulnerable groups who may be harmed by irresponsible behaviour.
4. Avoid using the lifts. The number of people working and studying in the School of Philosophy is too high to be using lifts safely. Let's reserve them for the people who really need them.
5. In many parts of our School (teaching rooms, library, corridors, lifts, toilets etc.), you will find antiseptic soap dispensers. Since we will be using them constantly, please try to keep them functional.
6. If, during the semester, you have symptoms which may be caused by covid and you find yourselves at the School, please contact us at 210 727 7979 (Dean's Office), 210 727 7385 (Maintenance Director's Office), 210 727 7792 (Library Director's Office) and 210 727 7639/7847/7322 (Dean's Secretary). If you contract the virus, please return to our School after a negative test result.

The School of Philosophy is one of the largest Schools in Greece (in terms of the number of students and staff) and it depends on our behaviour. In these difficult circumstances, let's do our best to ensure on-site teaching and avoid returning to online classes.

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