

## Grenoble INP International Relations policy for the start of the 2020 academic year

### Message to partner universities

Grenoble INP International Vice-Presidency

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Dear colleagues,

Like all universities in the world, Grenoble INP is faced with an unprecedented and complex situation which has a very strong impact on our operations, and in particular our ability to welcome international students from our partners and, conversely, to send our students on a mobility abroad. Despite everything, in these troubled times, we believe even more than ever in the need for international cooperation and in the benefits for students to have a rich intercultural experience during their studies. So whenever possible, we strive to maintain an active role in student exchange.

The health security of all our students and staff is the first criterion that guides our decisions. The second is our ongoing requirement to provide high quality training to all students. The third is our ability and those of the Grenoble and Valence sites to receive students and house them in good conditions, whatever the evolution of the pandemic, while avoiding the isolation of the students. It is therefore on the basis of these main principles that we have decided the following for the start of the 2020-2021 academic year in September.

We will very precisely inform each of your students who have applied with us of our decision and will make each one a specific proposal for their mobility. Your services will receive a copy of all the answers we give them. While limiting the possible options, we have left it to each teaching team to decide what is reasonably possible for each course. Depending on this, the proposals we will make to your students may vary from one school to another.

We will be happy to answer your questions or discuss our decisions with you.

Please, dear colleagues, receive my best regards,

  
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## **1 Teaching conditions at Grenoble INP for the fall semester 2020-2021**

- For the autumn semester 2020-2021, for all students, our lessons will be done almost entirely at a distance, only essential educational activities incompatible with this operation will be maintained face-to-face. The nature of the courses, namely courses with real-time interactions between teachers and students or distance learning courses are decided by the local teaching teams.
- If we were ever faced with confinement during the fall semester, we will be able to ensure the continuity of our training.
- We have asked all student associations to postpone student events to the second semester or to carry them out in distance and virtual mode.

## **2 Physical reception of mobility students at Grenoble INP**

- The physical reception of students is in principle authorized by Grenoble INP but it is up to the various local teams to open it or not, depending on their educational specificities and their ability to do so.
- We will not accept arrivals after the start date which will be communicated by the schools. As we do not master many elements allowing students to come to France, if a student finds that this will not be possible, he/she must inform us, we will advise him/her, but it is possible that he/she may have to abandon his/her project to come in person in September 2020. As far as possible, we will offer a postponement or distance courses.
- We will inform each student that it is imperative not to incur any expenses until he/she is certain that he/she will be authorized by the competent authorities to come to France.

## **3 Double degree**

- We have an active double degree agreement with you. We will contact you as soon as possible to discuss the exceptional arrangements that we plan to offer to your students and ours.

### **3.1 Incoming mobility**

- Grenoble INP accepts, according to the usual criteria, students for a double degree program starting in September 2020.
- Our local international relations departments will offer candidates to:
  - Either come to Grenoble INP if it is possible (see paragraph #2)
  - Either take the fall semester courses at your university if the calendar allows it. Grenoble INP will recognize the validated courses
  - Either take the Grenoble INP courses remotely while staying in their country of origin
  - Or a mixture between these two previous solutions.

### **3.2 Outgoing mobility**

- If you can physically accommodate our admitted students, and the students can go to your country, Grenoble INP will authorize the departure.
- Otherwise we suggest that our students :
  - Study for the 2020 autumn semester at Grenoble INP and you recognize the validated courses
  - Take your courses remotely while staying in France

- Or a mixture between these two previous solutions.

#### **4 Student Exchange**

##### **4.1 Incoming mobility**

- Depending on the capacity of each teaching team, we will offer your accepted students to:
  - Come to Grenoble if it is possible (see paragraph #2)
  - Postpone their mobility to the 2nd semester. However, this possibility depends on the course offer available in the Spring semester in each school and unfortunately cannot be offered to all.
  - Take our distance learning courses in their country.

##### **4.2 Outgoing mobility**

- If you accept physical mobility in the fall semester, we will allow it for our students who wish to do so.
- We will allow our students to postpone their mobility to the 2nd semester, if you allow it.
- We will allow our students to follow a virtual mobility (distance learning) if you offer it.