

# COVID Update for Students

Dear students,

Since the Covid-19 pandemic is still with us and the extraordinary health measures and provisions continue to regulate our daily life, the Vakalo Art & Design College has codified its Covid-19 policy in a five-stage plan, according to the degree of health alert as specified by the Greek government. In every stage, the College implements the measures that are decided by the government and the public health authorities, in the specific conditions of the delivery of its programmes and as required by the subject areas they cover. The five-stage plan gives a general overview of the procedures; detailed information and guidance will be given to you, both orally and in writing, at each different stage, according to the progress of the pandemic.

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Our approach to Covid-19 is to follow the Greek government guidance and regulations, and to keep all our people safe. We are adapting to the changing world and are making sure that your learning doesn't have to be put on hold. This may mean that teaching could be online or in person, however we will ensure you have access to the highest quality teaching and the best possible student experience.

The following table lays out the Stages of Operations we will move through as the current pandemic roadmap progresses and further announcements are made about the impact of the pandemic on higher education.

Our Stages of Operations illustrate the stages for programme delivery and how things may change in the future (depending on the Greek government requirements). Following the most recent announcement (24/8/2021) we are at **Stage 1**.

Stage	Tuition (All Students)	MA students research activities	Facilities and services	Health and safety measures
<b>Stage 1</b>	All programmes are delivered full face-to-face.  Standard delivery of programmes.	No restrictions.	All College facilities and services are open.  Specialised regulations for health care and use for Library and computer workshops.	Provisions in line with government and public health guidance.  Face coverings are required in all indoor and outdoor settings.  Asymptomatic testing is required twice a week for non-vaccinated students and staff.
<b>Stage 2</b>	Blended teaching is suggested: mostly face-to-face, with some online delivery at the discretion of the teachers.	All MA research activities that require on-campus facilities go ahead.	All facilities and services are open.  Specialised regulations for health care and use for Library and computer workshops.	Provisions in line with government and public health guidance.  Face coverings are required in all indoor and outdoor settings.  Asymptomatic testing is required twice a week for non-vaccinated students and staff.
<b>Stage 3</b>	Mix of face-to-face and online teaching: history and theory modules are delivered online.	MA students are encouraged to work from home when possible.	Necessary services are open on a reduced hours basis.  The library is open only for pre-booked visits.	Provisions in line with government and public health guidance.  Face coverings are required in all indoor and outdoor settings.  Asymptomatic testing is required twice a week for non-vaccinated students and staff.

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<b>Stage 4</b>	<p>Return to full lockdown.</p> <p>Necessary in-person teaching takes place on-site.</p> <p>Increased level of online teaching: most creative workshops and all history and theory modules are delivered digitally, while workshops requiring physical interaction with material will be delivered face-to-face when conditions permit (on a modified time-schedule to be announced).</p>	<p>Only necessary research and MA thesis supervision can continue on campus with pre-booked visits.</p>	<p>All facilities and services are closed for students.</p> <p>The library is open only for pre-booked visits.</p>	<p>Provisions in line with government and public health guidance.</p> <p>All health and safety measures are in place.</p> <p>Asymptomatic testing is required for staff, once a week for all vaccinated employees, and twice a week for non-vaccinated employees.</p>
<b>Stage 5</b>	<p>Full lockdown.</p> <p>Mix of face-to-face and online teaching: most workshops and all history and theory modules are delivered online (the rest of the workshops will be delivered face-to-face when conditions permit, with a modified programme).</p>	<p>Necessary research and MA thesis supervision can continue on campus with pre-booked visits only.</p>	<p>All facilities and services are closed for students.</p> <p>The library operates only for online service (digital material).</p>	<p>Provisions in line with government and public health guidance.</p> <p>All health and safety measures are in place.</p> <p>Only necessary staff is in-site.</p> <p>Asymptomatic testing is required for staff (once or twice a week as above).</p>