

December 24, 2023

Dear Campus Community,

Update regarding the opening of the academic year 2023 -2024 following the "Iron Swords War"

*** Please note that the following information does not pertain to students in international programs whose courses are already in session***

The academic year will commence on December 31, 2023, as announced previously in my letter of December 10, 2023.

In order to assist students who will be released from reserve duty during the first few weeks of January and to ensure the necessary academic standards, we introduced the following modifications to the academic schedule.

During the fourth week of the first Semester, from January 21, 2024, to January 26, 2024, a "catching-up" week will be held. During that week classes will be conducted according to the usual schedule, but they will be dedicated to reviewing and reinforcing the material covered up to that point, so that no new material will be taught. The first semester will conclude as planned on March 15, 2024.

In the week following the end of the semester, from March 17 2024 to March 22 2024, no exams will be scheduled and that week will be dedicated to reviewing the material and making up for missed classes due to the lecturer's illness or absence. These makeup classes will be determined by the department's decisions and needs. During this week, the teaching staff will be available for questions and clarifications.

In the event that makeup and supplementary lessons are scheduled, they will be held on the same day and time on which the course was originally taught during the semester in order to accommodate the students.

The exam period will take place between March 25, 2024, and May 24, 2024, and the second semester will commence on May 26, 2023.

The structure of the entire school year is summarized in the following table:

First semester (11 weeks)	31.12.23	15.3.24
"Catching up" week review and reinforcement of the material learned until the fourth week of the semester	21.1.24	26.1.24
A week of reviewing the material and make up lessons (exams will not be scheduled)	17.3.24	22.3.24
First semester exams (7 weeks)	25.3.24	24.5.24
Second semester (11 weeks)	26.5.24	12.8.24
Exam period + summer semester	14.8.24 onwards	
Opening of the school year 2024-2025	3.11.24	

We look forward to meeting you on campus. We pray for the swift return of the soldiers in the reserves and their coming back to campus.

I wish to stress once more our commitment to facilitating the smooth return and integration of our students who are serving in the reserves.

Best regards,

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