

Rector's Order No. 1/2021. (I.28.)/R
on distance (online) Education in order to reduce epidemiological infection
in the spring semester of the academic year 2020/2021^{1, 2}

Pursuant to Government Decree 478/2020 (3 November) on the declaration of state of danger, in accordance with the provisions of Section (1) Article 32 of the Organisation and Operation Rules of Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary (hereinafter referred to as the University) I issue the following order for the regular and effective operation of the University:

1. Preamble

1. § This order aims at the elimination of the consequences of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus causing massive disease outbreaks endangering life and property, and the protection of health and lives of the university citizens in accordance with Government Decree 478/2020 (3 November) on the declaration of state of danger. It is the responsibility of all university citizens to comply with the provisions of Government Decree 484/2020 (10 November) on the second stage of the protective measures applicable during the period of state of danger.

2. The Scope of the Order

2. § The order covers all organizational units and citizens of the University including students having student status and persons employed under employment contract or in the form of any other work-related legal relationship.

3. Teaching Activities

3. § In the 2. (spring) semester of the academic year 2020/2021, the university continues its distance (online) education, therefore the lectures, seminars and practical courses should possibly be held online. If the distance (online) teaching cannot be ensured, upon request of the lecturer, researcher or teacher, in highly justified cases, the dean of the faculty responsible for teaching of the given programmes – informing the rector – may allow the replacement of practical courses with personal presence with regard to the extension of the spring semester of the academic year 2020/2021.^{3, 4}

4. § Online platforms and applications should preferably be used for mid-term assessments and examinations. Detailed provisions will follow in a separate Rector's order.

¹ Amended by Rector's Order No. 4/2021. (III.05.)/R

² Amended by Rector's Order No. 6/2021. (VI.02.)/R

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⁴ Amended by Rector's Order No. 6/2021. (VI.02.)/R

4. Implementation of internships, practical trainings

5. § General rules for internships, practical trainings are laid down in 9/2020. (VIII. 18.)/R Rector's Order on the Organisation and Implementation of the Academic Year 2020/2021. If the completion of internships, practical trainings cannot be ensured for the students at the practical training places due to the state of danger declared for the prevention of the epidemic, the head of the faculty responsible for the training is authorized to regulate, by dean's order, other ways of completing the practice period and the way of making up the completion of the internship, practical trainings with regard to the extension of the spring semester of the academic year 2020/2021 has been extended.^{5, 6}

5. Accommodation in Student Residence Halls and Colleges for Advanced Studies

6. § Student residence halls, colleges for advanced studies and rented accommodations of the University (all together referred to as residence halls) remain closed. Students may not stay in the residence halls. As an exception, in highly justified cases, students – especially foreign students and those living outside the Hungarian borders – may receive rector's permission to stay in the residence hall, on basis of their rector's equity requests submitted through the NEPTUN Education Administration System. Foreign students will be informed on the possibility of staying in the residence halls by the International Directorate of the Rector's Office. Students with rector's permission are entitled to stay in the residence halls, colleges for advanced studies and rented accommodations of the University, provided that they are healthy and do not experience any symptoms indicating the possibility of the infection with coronavirus on themselves. Furthermore, the 10/2020. (VIII.19.)/R Rector's Order on the Operation of Residence Halls, Colleges for Advanced Studies and Rented Accommodation of Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary with regard to the state of epidemiological preparedness specified in Article 1 Section (1) of Government Decree 283/2020 (17 July) introducing a state of epidemiological preparedness is applicable.

6. The work of the non-academic staff

7. § In order to maintain and ensure the smooth operation of the university, the employer, considering the circumstances, shall decide on the forms of work for the non-academic staff and for the lecturers performing administrative tasks besides their teaching or research activities, provided that the professional performance of tasks on time can be ensured by personal presence at each organisational unit.

8. § The management of the University takes special care to prevent the spread of the epidemic. The buildings of the university, and, in justified cases, its events, courses and examinations may be visited only by healthy persons who do not show any symptoms indicating the possibility of the coronavirus infection. It is obligatory to wear a facemask in the entire territory of the University.

9. § Libraries and sports facilities may operate in accordance with the dean's order issued by the head of the competent faculty.

10. § Provisions of 9/2020. (VIII. 18.)/R Rector's Order on the Organisation and Implementation of the Academic Year 2020/2021 shall apply for issues not regulated in this order.

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⁶ Amended by Rector's Order No. 6/2021. (VI.02.)/R



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11.§ This order enters into force on 28 January 2021, and is valid until revocation. Concurrently with this, the 16/2020. (XI. 05.)/R Rector's Order on Transition to Distance (Online) Education in Order to Reduce Epidemiological Infection will be repealed from 6 February 2021.

Budapest, 28 January 2021

Dr. habil. Ágnes Czine (signed)
Acting Rector