

Purpose

This document provides guidance specific to Antwerp Summer University summer schools that are organised on campus during August and September 2021. The objective is to provide a systematic and feasible path for running summer schools within the pandemic environment. The measures and guidelines in this protocol can change at any time due to the evolution of the pandemic. All summer school participants are asked to confirm that they have read and understood these guidelines via their account in Mobility Online.

Attendance by international participants

The Belgian government has recently amended its travel regulations with regards to the Coronavirus pandemic. For the latest information, please check the website of the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) and [the website of the Crisis center](#).

As of 1 July 2021, the **European digital corona certificate** will be in effect for **travel within the EU**. It will be issued to people who meet one of the following criteria:

- being fully vaccinated and having received the last dose at least two weeks before travel
- submitting a negative PCR test (<72 hours)
- submitting a proof of infection and recovery (no older than 180 days)

Participants arriving from a green or orange zone have no obligation to test.

Participants arriving from a red zone need to provide a valid digital corona certificate and are requested to upload a proof on Mobility Online. This also concerns Belgian residents who have travelled to a red zone prior to the summer school.

Participants arriving from **outside the European Union** must be fully vaccinated (+2 weeks) with a vaccine recognised by Europe and take a PCR test on the day of arrival. If this test is positive, the person needs to be quarantined. For a list of **non-EU third countries** for which travel restrictions should be lifted, please visit <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/> and <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/colour-codes-by-country/>.

Participants who have been in a **very high-risk area (“variant of concern”)** at any time during the past 14 days are not allowed to attend the summer school. The list of countries can be found here: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/countries-with-high-risk/>

All persons coming or returning to Belgium, or traveling through Belgium, must fill out a Passenger Locator Form in advance. A self-assessment tool is integrated into the Passenger Locator Form.

Please note: the status of a zone can change at any time during your stay and these lists are regularly updated. It is the candidates' responsibility to follow up the latest changes in this list. The University of Antwerp cannot be held responsible for any implications this might have on your participation.

Community Responsibility Acknowledgement

Prior to attending on-campus summer schools, all summer school community members must acknowledge:

- The serious nature of COVID-19
- The importance of each individual's knowledge of the risks presented by the virus
- The need to monitor their own health
- The need to notify appropriate personnel if they are symptomatic and/or exposed and be tested if necessary

Everyone has a personal responsibility to practice social distancing, frequent handwashing, cough/sneeze etiquette, proper tissue usage and disposal, avoidance of touching their face, and respecting others.

Classroom set-up

Summer schools classes will take place in spacious and well-ventilated classrooms. In line with the current measures at the University of Antwerp, participants can only get seated on designated places (1.5m distance in between) and have to wear a mouth mask at any time. The maximum classroom occupation will be 50% of the total capacity.

Basic rules on campus

All summer school participants adhere to the following basic rules

1. Keep a distance from each other (1.5 meters = 1.5 meters)
2. Wash your hands regularly
3. Always wear your mouth mask indoors on campus (including corridors or open spaces) or outdoors when you cannot keep a distance of 1.5 meters. Only eating and drinking is allowed without a mouth mask.
4. Food and drinks must be taken individually, outside or in the provided eating areas, and at least 1.5 meters away from bystanders (also no food sharing).

High risk contact and/or illness - Decision tree

If a participant has had close contact with someone who tested positive for covid-19, or if a participant has covid-related complaints during or right before his/her attendance at the summer school, he/she will need to get tested and possibly go in quarantine if the outcome of the test is positive. A decision tree to assess each situation will be made available.

This might imply that further attendance of on-campus activities will no longer be possible. Practical and logistic support will be provided by the University of Antwerp as much as possible, although any additional expenses related to this event shall be borne by the participant.

Cancellation policy

The guidelines mentioned below apply for all on-campus summer schools in 2021.

Should the summer school be **cancelled by the organiser** for organisational reasons or as a result of force majeure more than two weeks after the application deadline, the organiser will refund the registration fee. Claims for further liabilities or damages are excluded.

If the **participant cancels** more than 4 weeks before the start of the summer school, 50% of the registration fee can be reimbursed. If the participant cancels within 4 weeks before the start of the summer school, € 100 of the registration fee will be refunded, unless otherwise mentioned on the website of the specific summer school. This will also be so in case of changing travel regulations and/or in case of a positive PCR test before or during the summer school.

All refunds are made in euros. The organisation cannot refund any shortfalls due to exchange rate fluctuations or bank charges.

Insurance

All participants are insured for third party liability and accidents during summer school activities. Additional insurances (e.g. health and travel) are the participant's own responsibility.

Questions and Contact

For any further questions, please contact summeruniversity@uantwerp.be

A **FAQ page** with answers to the most common questions will be published [here](#)