

Department of General Surgery and Medical-Surgical Specialties

Master's Degree Course in "Medicine and Surgery"

Academic Administration Office

Regulations for the Recovery of Frontal Lecture Attendance

Master's Degree Course in Medicine and Surgery

Article 1 - Purpose

This regulation aims to complement Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Didactic Regulation of the Master's Degree in Medicine and Surgery (CdLM-MS), which governs attendance at educational activities. It is drafted in compliance with the minimum training conditions set out in Directive 2013/55/EU, requiring mandatory attendance at frontal educational activities for 70% of the scheduled hours and professional internships for 100% of the scheduled hours.

Additionally, it considers the possibility for students to apply to the Office of Student Careers for recognition under Article 30 of the University Didactic Regulation, which allows for absences of up to 50% of the hours designated for frontal education.

To promote internationalization, the reduction of the allowed absence threshold by 50% is also applied to students in international mobility programs (Erasmus, SISM, and other exchanges authorized by the CdLM-MS). In accordance with the CdLM-MS Regulation regarding the attendance requirement, for which no exemptions are provided due to the absence of specific discharge reasons, this supplementary regulation aims to establish and regulate the procedures for recovering any excess absences from frontal lectures for certain categories of students unable to attend due to documented impediments.

Article 2 - Eligibility and Allowed Recovery Percentages

The following categories of students may request the recovery of missed attendance:

- a) Students recognized under Article 30 status.
- b) Students in international mobility (Erasmus, SISM, other exchanges authorized by the CdLM-MS).
- c) Students suffering from acute illnesses preventing attendance.
- d) Students with disabling chronic illnesses preventing attendance.
- e) Students undergoing medical treatments and/or surgical interventions preventing attendance.
- f) Students holding institutional positions within the University.

Article 3 - Allowed Recovery Percentages

Students falling under points a) of Article 2 must recover absences exceeding 50% but not exceeding 60%.

Students falling under point b) must recover absences: i) exceeding 50% but not exceeding 60% in the case of Erasmus Traineeship, SISM, or other authorized internship

exchanges; ii) exceeding 60% in the case of Erasmus Studium only if the teaching or individual module is not offered during the semester of mobility at the host University, regardless of its inclusion in the learning agreement.

Students falling under points c), d), e), and f) must recover absences exceeding 30% but not exceeding 60%. If the 60% absence threshold is exceeded, recovery must be carried out in the following academic year.

Article 4 - Procedures for Accessing Attendance Recovery

Students meeting the requirements outlined in Article 2, but only if they have exceeded or plan to exceed the prescribed absence limit, must notify the Office of the Master's Degree Program by submitting a communication of their eligibility within the specified categories, using the form attached to this regulation (Annex A) for each of the courses for which attendance needs to be recovered.

Students under points c), d), and e) must also attach documentation confirming their medical condition (a certificate issued by a suitable structure of the National Health Service).

Students under point f) can benefit from recovery only if the absences occurred during institutional meetings.

Communications must be sent exclusively via email to the institutional address of the CdLM-MS Presidency Office (medicineandsurgery@unict.it), specifying in the subject line the NAME, SURNAME, MATRICULATION NUMBER, and the phrase "Attendance Recovery". Emails lacking these data in the subject line will not be processed.

Article 5 - Authorization for Attendance Recovery

Upon verifying the fulfillment of the requirements and that the excess absences genuinely fall within the period indicated by the provided documentation, the CdLM-MS Coordination Office will authorize the student's attendance recovery by signing the recovery request submitted by the student.

Article 6 - Attendance Recovery Procedures

Students who have received a positive response to their request from the CdLM-MS Coordination Office are authorized to:

- Recover attendance through alternative educational channels when the schedules
 of frontal lectures are compatible with those of other courses.
- Request the activation of one of the attendance recovery methods listed below from the Teacher:
 - o Recovery lectures with the assistance of tutors and subject experts
 - Recorded lectures
 - Other educational materials
 - Web-based learning platforms

In both cases, the student must present the authorization received from the CdLM-MS Coordination Office to the relevant Teacher. Teachers are required to report to the CdLM-MS Coordination Office only the names of students who have exceeded the maximum allowed number of absences and have not completed the recovery process.