Italian scenery and UniBs activities after COVID-19 health emergency

Currently the world media deal above all with COVID-19 health emergency. We are aware that your choice of studying in Italy can be influenced by the news you heard of: as they could not be up-to-date we would like to inform you objectively.

Italy has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic from February 2020 and has struggled day by day both taking care of the infected people living in the country and approving provisions aiming at containing the virus spread. Thanks to the joint efforts of the Government, the Italian National Health care System and volunteering associations the pandemic is now slowing down: official data are published daily on Protezione Civile web portal http://www.protezionecivile.gov.it/risk-activities/health-risk/emergencies/coronavirus and show a steady decline of the number of infected people since the end of April.

Italian success in hindering infection is primarily due to the Italian National Health System (NHS) whose structure, effectiveness and highest scientific level are worldwide renowned. It is an inclusive one based on equality of access to care, as stated in the Italian Constitution (art. no. 32) and has been evaluated among the best in the world according to independent agencies, including WHO (see for instance https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/best-healthcare-in-the-world/) and Bloomberg https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-09-19/u-s-near-bottom-of-health-index-hong-kong-and-singapore-at-top

Furthermore, Brescia Hospital is strictly related to our University that make available the latest research findings.

Turning to universities activities, the clip “Closeatadistance” presents the significant outcomes we have achieved in the last months in Italy and at University of Brescia in order to keep the academic community alive: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_su03EL6kY&feature=youtu.be

It is expected that in September 2020 teaching activities will be partially opened. A 'blended learning approach', partially in the class and partially with teleconferencing - as we are doing now for about 95% of the courses - is planned to be implemented at the University of Brescia. The fact that subjects will be taught on-line only or directly in the class will depend on the spread of the virus in September, the number of students per class and other technical constraints and cannot be exactly determined now. However, we are confident the course you are interested in could be taught at least in part in the class. Research activities are already open complying with safety measures.

Once you have insured with the Italian National Health System at the yearly cost of euros 149,77 €, you will be entitled to free health Hospital services. A personal contribution to some specific out-patient laboratory exams and drugs is required out-of-pocket, similar to Italian citizens. Studying in Italy, and particularly in BREScia, can be considered as safe as in any other countries in Europe given the actual conditions worldwide.

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