LM-90 Rules for attending students
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A. ATTENDING AND NON-ATTENDING STUDENTS

The distinction between attending and non-attending students is made solely for organisational and assessment purposes, as different evaluation methods apply.

Students who choose to take the exam as non-attending students are fully welcome and are, in every respect, students of the course like all others. There is no difference in status or consideration. The distinction concerns only the method of assessment.

Participation is therefore an essential component of evaluation. If attendance is not genuine, it is not possible to assess students according to the criteria established for attending students.

B. GENUINE ATTENDANCE AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

For the purposes of this course, ***genuine attendance*** means more than being formally present (in the classroom or connected via Zoom). It requires consistent, attentive, and active engagement with the teaching activities.

In particular, genuine attendance entails:

1. Effective Presence

- Being present for the full duration of the class.
- Being clearly identifiable and responsive when called upon (including during roll calls, discussions, and workshops).
- In the case of online participation, remaining visibly and audibly available, unless technical or exceptional circumstances arise.

2. Active Engagement

- Following the lecture and workshop activities attentively.
- Contributing when invited to do so.
- Being prepared to engage with the assigned texts and materials during in-class exercises.

Workshops in particular require direct interaction with texts and active discussion. Simply being connected without participating does not meet the standard required for attending students.

3. Intellectual Participation

- Demonstrating familiarity with the assigned readings when discussed in class.
- Taking part in collective reasoning and debate.
- Engaging constructively with peers during group activities.

4. Communication in Case of Difficulties

Occasional absences or specific difficulties (including technical issues or temporary constraints) do not automatically exclude a student from the list of attending students. However, such situations should be communicated promptly.

5. Attendance in Presence

On days when lectures are held in person, students who are in Viterbo are required to attend in person. Online attendance is permitted only for exceptional reasons and in accordance with the rules applicable to the Security and Human Rights programme.

Hybrid access is not intended as an alternative to physical attendance for students who are able to be present in Viterbo.

C. NON-GENUINE ATTENDANCE

As previously stated, genuine attendance requires effective and active participation in the course activities.

If attendance is not genuine, the Professor cannot evaluate the student according to the criteria established for attending students. In particular, participation throughout the course is required.

THE CLASS PRESENTATION, WITHOUT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ALL TEACHING ACTIVITIES — IN PARTICULAR WORKSHOPS — DOES NOT SUFFICE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE FINAL GRADE.

IF THE PROFESSOR IS UNABLE TO ASSESS A STUDENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN PART IN THE COURSE ACTIVITIES IN A CONSISTENT AND ACTIVE MANNER, THE STUDENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE ORAL EXAM.