

# University of Vaasa student info

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# University of Vaasa corona exit plan



- ▶ Spring 2021
  - ▶ Campus will open gradually as of 21<sup>st</sup> of April
  - ▶ This is a so-called hybrid mode of light presence on campus and the first phase of our exit plan from the coronavirus conditions.
  - ▶ During the spring, studying continues to be mainly distance learning. The staff will also continue to work remotely as agreed until the end of July.
  - ▶ **What happens in practice?** Students can book a time slot for self-studying in two reading rooms (Palomäki room in Tervahovi and classroom F118 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Fabriikki

# University of Vaasa corona exit plan



- ▶ Initial plan for autumn 2021
  - ▶ We will start campus activities bearing in mind health and safety of the university community. Final mode will depend on how pandemic develops.
  - ▶ Hybrid mode of light presence on campus will continue. Staff will continue to work remotely e.g. 2-3 days a week. It is important that we have steady number of personnel at the campus from Monday to Friday. Not packed from Tuesday to Thursday.
  - ▶ First and second year students on campus as much as possible. Distance learning will continue but the scale is not fixed yet.
  - ▶ **What happens in practice?** On campus students will mainly work in small groups and large lectures will be avoided. The plan is to combine streamed lectures with on campus small group assignments. Library and restaurants offer services on safe mode.



# Staff & student survey on safe return to campus



# Return to campus in August-September - Survey in early May



- ▶ The change support group will conduct a short survey for staff and students in early May. The aim is to bring together views on the return to campus and the transition from a remote mode to a hybrid model.
- ▶ Survey results provide the rectors insights on favored operational modes. Also, the guidelines related to the epidemic will be taken into account.
- ▶ The survey will be sent to the students by e-mail and announced in student news. A summary of the results will be available in June.

# Strategic education development projects



# Strategic education projects



1. Degree programme development
  - ▶ Common framework for scope and resourcing
    - ▶ Annukka in charge
  - ▶ Internationalisation
    - ▶ Talent Boost based development, Minna in charge
2. Support for individual educators on digitalisation
  - ▶ Support function development
3. Innovative pilot projects - joint development with strategic partners
  - ▶ IBM academic initiative, Microsoft?
  - ▶ Comprehensive security, MPKK, Others?



# 1. Degree programme development



- ▶ Introduction of common degree framework
  - ▶ How many courses / credits basic, intermediate & advanced level studies consist of?
- ▶ Migration to the new degree framework
  - ▶ Minimum target for cutting back the number of courses / credits offered
  - ▶ Migration plan to the new framework and module structure
- ▶ Development of internationally attractive and effective degree programmes
  - ▶ Share of degree programmes that can take in international students
  - ▶ Talent boost resources and activities to internationalise
    - ▶ Education, student services and integration to the labour markets

# 2. Support for individual educators on digitalisation



- ▶ Education support function development
  - ▶ Transformation to new type of education
  - ▶ Skills up-grade support for the educators
  - ▶ Utilisation of new tools and methods -> more time for research
- ▶ Concrete hands on support for educators
  - ▶ More support personnel
  - ▶ New video and presentation studio
  - ▶ Increase quality and variety of course content materials

# Support for educators - personnel



1. Investment in educator support personnel
  - ▶ Support for hybrid course development, renewal of existing courses
    - ▶ Readiness to start new type of courses this autumn
  - ▶ Support for pedagogic renewal, flipped learning etc.
  - ▶ In house professionals, external professionals, course assistants, students

# Support for educators - studio



2. Investment in video and presentation studio that offers hands on services to educators
  - ▶ Investment in hardware and software
  - ▶ Studio equipments, software tools

# Support for educators - contents



## 3. Investment in content materials

- ▶ Effective use of free open course type materials e.g. MIT, Harvard etc.
- ▶ Partnership agreements -> access to new content
- ▶ Purchase and production of MOOC type materials

# Campus development



# The second phase of Levón



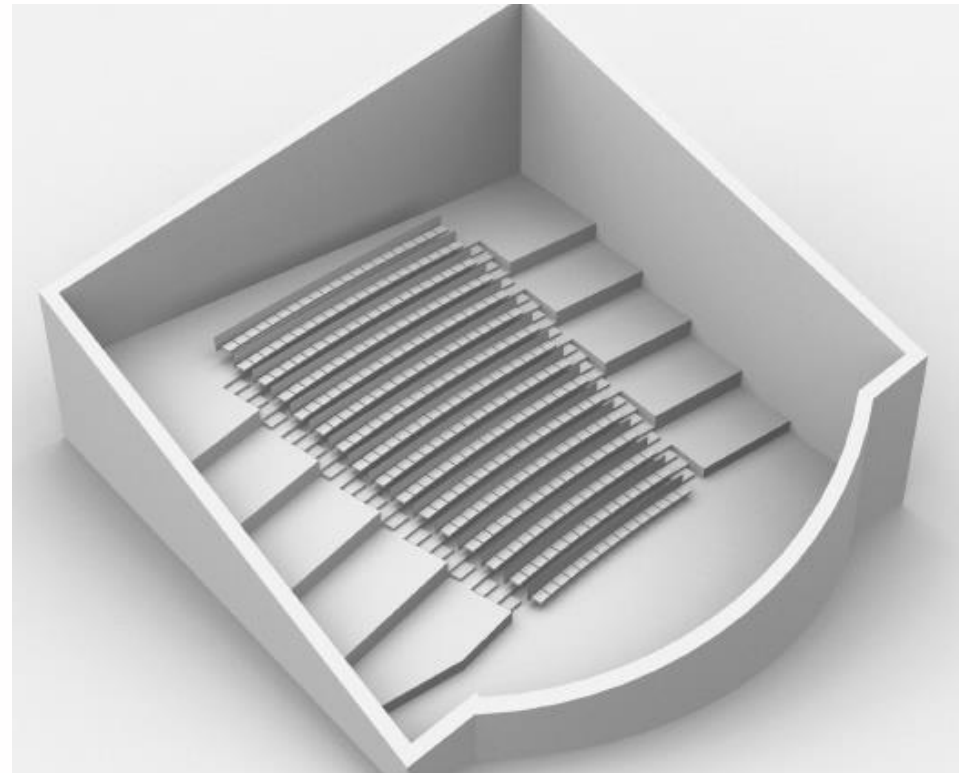
- ▶ In the first phase: the ventilation, walls, podium and AV technology was done 2020
- ▶ Second phase includes bench and floor renovation
- ▶ The auditorium is planned to be ready in the fall of 2021



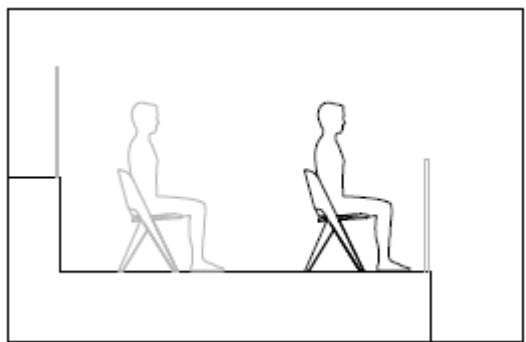
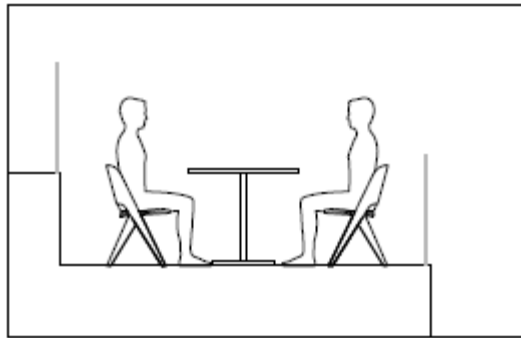
# The layout of the new Levon auditorium



- ▶ Flexible use ex. For group or individual work
- ▶ There are four-meter platforms at the edge
- ▶ About 310pcs tipping-benches
- ▶ Loos benches on the platforms 100pcs







**Thank you for the great work and  
excellent results!**

