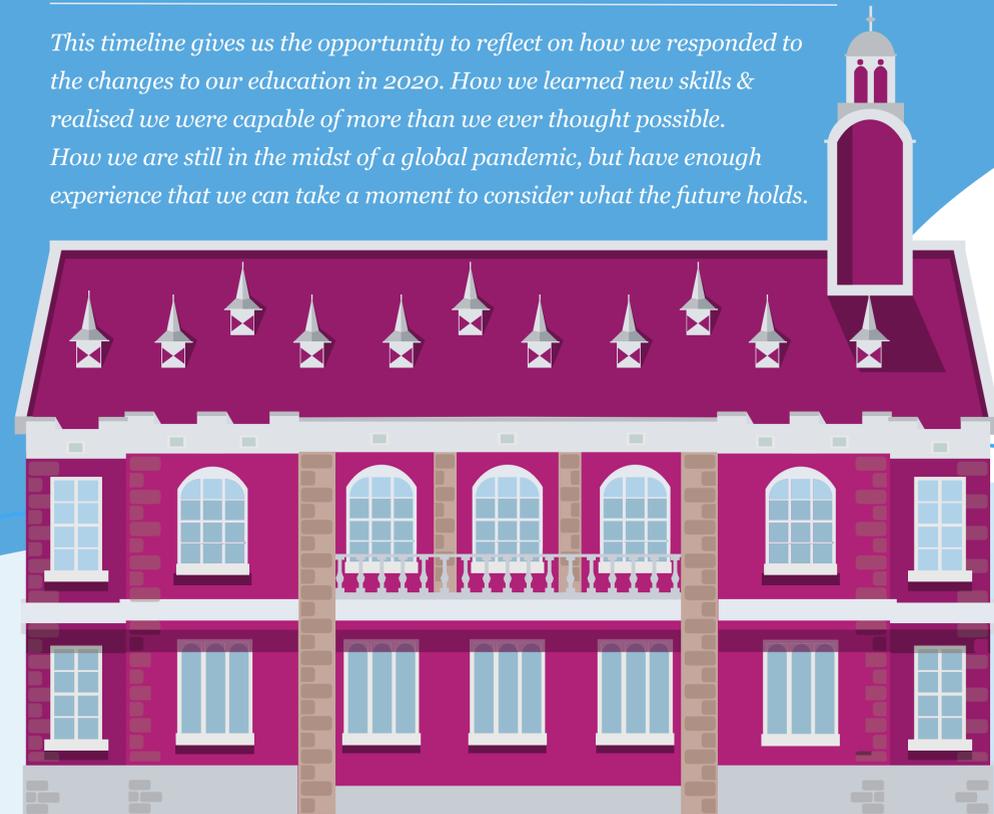


Timeline Reflection 2020

This timeline gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we responded to the changes to our education in 2020. How we learned new skills & realised we were capable of more than we ever thought possible. How we are still in the midst of a global pandemic, but have enough experience that we can take a moment to consider what the future holds.



React & Respond

2020

February

Feb 17th, first COVID-19 case confirmed in the Netherlands

March

First COVID-19 related death in NL
First patient at Leiden University
WHO declares **global pandemic**

Educational Support staff start selecting relevant software for remote teaching

Start **'intelligent lockdown'**, call for working from home

March 13th
Leiden University announces to go fully online (till March 31st)

Start personal vlogging by Carel Stolker [#LeidseTwitterRector](#)

Closing of schools in the Netherlands

Accelerated rollout of video conferencing tool MS Teams by ICT dept.

University paper Mare stops its print and continues online

Start webinar series on remote teaching by Centre for Innovation and ICLON

March 19th
Leiden University announces it will remain online the entire Academic Year

Start switching from campus to remote teaching by University teachers

(till 1st June) Netherlands goes into **full Lockdown**

Rollout remote teaching support via the ISSC Helpdesk and first versions of a Remote Teaching Support website

Launch Student Helpline by Student Affairs

April

Launch Crowdfunding campaign **'WakeuptoCorona'** by LUMC

Announcement Hester Bijl is to become Leiden University new Rector Magnificus in 2021

Start with online proctored exams at Leiden University

Execution, Integration & Collaboration

May-July

Announcement for Hybrid teaching at Leiden University in first Semester 20/21.

Career Week takes place online

Restart of sport activities outside in small groups by University Sport Centre

Free testing on COVID possible for everyone in the Netherlands
Masks become mandatory in public transport

Restart of small-scale campus exams at Leiden University

EL CID programme take place partially online, partially in-person

Central Crisis Team disbands and Corona related decisions making returns to the Executive Board

Annual Teaching & Learning Event 2020 moved online

August

Leiden University introduction weeks proceed in hybrid form

Launch of Learning Management System Brightspace and add-ons

Opening of the Academic Year happens in Hybrid form

Launch of new **Campus Protocol** at Leiden University

September

Gathering of Leiden students in local park causes national uproar

Launch of a University Mentor & Tutor System

Stricter measures resulting in "working from home unless not possible"

Launch of COVID Student Campaign by the local student council PKVV

Diversification & Consistency

October

Masks become mandatory in University buildings

COVID inspires research education at the University
Exploring the effects of social distancing

November

The Annual Cleveringa Lecture is held online

Hybrid teaching is extended to the second Semester of the Academic Year

December

Netherlands goes into **2nd Lockdown**

Launch of newly designed Remote Teaching Support website

Many colleagues celebrate the end of the year online, like humanities band 'Johan & de Huizinga's singing **'I am still standing'**.

Moving forward

2021

January

Online wellbeing weeks organised for Students

A virtual & informal wave-off for Carel Stolker on Twitter with hashtag [#LeidseTwitterRector](#)

Video conferencing app Zoom becomes available for Teaching and Students

Digital Education Seminar by CFI in joint effort with many University staff

Teams integrated with Brightspace

February

New Semester starts in hybrid form

Start of Hester Bijl as first female Rector Magnificus of Leiden University

As we look towards the future of digital education, we have the opportunity to move beyond the constraints of a global pandemic. How can we transform the wealth of practical expertise we've gained into creative, effective and impactful teaching and learning? How can we energise the people, processes and technology that provide education to reinvigorate our students and teachers?

Let us take this time to reflect and then take a step forward. Let us all continue to collaborate, share ideas and solve problems without fear.

Check more event information:



SCAN ME!



2020 was, a blur of problem solving and troubleshooting. A year in front of screens, with our children, family and homes in the background. For those providing education, the changes came quickly and without warning. Our scramble to keep moving meant stress and confusion, but also creativity and ingenuity.