

# “This online education challenge is a historic moment”: Rector of Tec



**David Garza**, Rector of **Tec de Monterrey**, believes that the institution will face one of its biggest challenges in the area of **online learning** in the days to come.

The Tec has suspended its onsite classes due to preventive measures for avoiding the spread of **COVID-19**. On March 23, it **began giving online classes** to all its students.

*“This **flexible digital model** will enable the academic continuity of **more than 90,000 students** at undergraduate, postgraduate, and high school levels,”* said the rector.

Because of the global challenge we’re experiencing due to this pandemic, Garza emphasized that the **Tec’s teachers** and **staff** have been working incredibly hard over the previous days to **adapt their courses** and give support to students. He said it was a historic moment.

*“Every week, more than 55,000 class sessions will be given by 10,000 teachers: this is the size of the challenge we’re facing today,”* said the rector in a message that he shared on social media.

<https://www.facebook.com/DavidGarzaS/posts/1647993948672464>

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## FLEXIBLE DIGITAL MODEL

**100 percent** of **students** at **high school**, **undergraduate**, and **postgraduate** levels will be studying this way, which is based on digital experiences already implemented by the Tec.

*“As an institution, we have experience in the use of technologies and pedagogies for learning in these environments,”* reiterated the rector.

To this end, the **Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Innovation at the Tec** reported that there **will be follow-up** and **guidance** by **teachers** through remote interaction tools in addition to **online class sessions**.

**Students** will also have access to **videos**, **infographics**, **tutorials**, and **presentations** as part of the resources they can consult.

## CHALLENGES TO TACKLE

The **Tec** already has **30 years’** experience in **distance learning** programs, but the challenge now lies in **simultaneously** providing **all of its courses online** at **all levels**.

For instance, it’s estimated that **there will be more than 1,700 class** sessions at the same time during **peak class hours**.

*“The scale, connectivity where each student is located, and evolution of the pandemic itself may give rise to situations beyond our control,”* said the rector.

*“We’ll be adapting and making the necessary adjustments to provide the best possible experience. We’re extremely grateful for your understanding,”* he added in his message to the students.

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