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Photo: 12/03/20 Last day in the classroom (hybrid teaching)

What really describes me as an educator is being **student-focused, empowering, fair, knowledgeable, helpful and approachable.**

My discipline, aviation management, has been severely impacted by the ongoing pandemic. My teaching and learning mission during the pandemic has been to **support and enable student progression beyond the classroom, ensure learning and academic standards, encourage and motivate the students**, but also remain kind, understanding and resourceful.

Student Endorsement: I feel that Dr Marina Efthymiou has a unique teaching style characterised by an exceptional balance between her academic professionalism as well as her skill to remain always contactable, despite being extremely busy during the day. Thus, showcasing her strong organisational skills. This way she not only facilitated my learning but with her passion for her subject area motivated me to not give up my studies during a very difficult period in my personal life. Marina was able to prove that she does not only hold a high level of academic knowledge around all the areas covered by the programme I attended. Apart from that she always had the most up-to-date information with regards to aviation related matters. Thanks to her extensive professional networking, I and my classmates had the opportunity to be given lectures from key personalities of the airline and airport industry displaying the ability to connect our postgraduate programme with the real market pulse.

As my thesis supervisor, Dr Marina Efthymiou gave me the space to work at my pace and was respectful of my needs. Particularly of the challenging situation, I was faced with, having to study for my thesis whilst at the same time looking after my daughter. Her scaffolding teaching style and her constructive feedback guided me through the overall process of designing and conducting a proper academic research, meeting the expectations of a high quality postgraduate programme. Dr Marina Efthymiou is a real asset for the DCU Business School. I personally feel that she is an inspiring person which highlights the ability of women to lead effectively whilst holding critical management positions. [MSAL, 2020].