

Information on Studies in the 2021 Summer Semester (1)

Dear students,

As we start the summer semester, I would like to warmly welcome you to the University of Bamberg. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we unfortunately cannot expect an easy semester. However, the entire teaching staff will make every effort to ensure that you have a good academic experience. Today, and as needed throughout the semester, I will provide you with information so that you can stay abreast of important information and developments. You can also find essential information on teaching and studying during the pandemic on our FAQ website (<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/health-management/coronavirus/faq-for-university-members/>).

Conducting outstanding examinations:

The vast majority of the university's 2020/21 winter semester examinations and spring 2021 state examinations have now been completed, and we are very pleased and grateful that our infection prevention measures were very successful during in-person examinations. Thanks to the tremendous effort made by so many at the university, there has not yet been a single case of infection that can be traced back to examination participation. In the exceptionally rare cases where students were diagnosed with a Corona infection shortly after an examination, the health authorities did not have to impose any quarantine measures on the examination groups.

However, due to the currently dynamic infection occurrence and the generally escalating risk of infection, we would like to readjust our infection prevention measures for the still outstanding examinations. In doing so, we are keeping in mind that all regulations are uniformly applicable to all examinations (including state examinations). For this reason we urgently request that you voluntarily undergo a rapid Corona test immediately prior to an examination and that you appear for the examination only in the case of a negative result! By doing so, you will make a decisive contribution to the protection of all those present. Locations in Bamberg where you can undergo such a test free of charge are listed on the FAQ pages. Furthermore, for larger examinations at Kapellenstraße 13, an additional security service will be commissioned beginning 6 April to monitor the masking and distancing requirements in the waiting area in front of the building before and after examinations. I would also like to draw your attention once again to the importance of your own cooperation in the implementation of infection prevention measures and to the information on the procedures to be followed in the event of an infection presented on the FAQ pages.

Crediting or counting of corona semesters:

The Bavarian state parliament recently decided that, like the 2020 summer semester, the 2020/21 winter semester and the upcoming 2021 summer

semester will not count toward the limits of a degree programme's standard duration of study and will not apply to FAFöG deadlines.

Counting failed examination attempts:

Failed examination attempts will not be counted in the summer semester.

University Library:

If the 7-day incidence rate exceeds 150 in the city of Bamberg, the university executive board has decided that the University Library's reading rooms will be closed and only contactless lending will be available. The incidence value on Friday will be used as the basis for the decision for the entire following week. You can find the current status on the library's website at www.uni-bamberg.de/ub.

Examinations in the 2021 summer semester:

I have already asked teaching staff to determine at the beginning of the semester the extent to which the selection of alternative examination formats in place of in-person examinations (particularly written examinations) is possible. An early decision should provide you with some certainty for your exam preparation. Furthermore, the University of Bamberg is working on possibilities for the use of (especially written) remote examinations in cooperation with other Bavarian universities.

On behalf of the entire university executive board, I wish you a successful semester.

Sincerely,

Stefan Hörmann

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