

Information on Teaching in the 2021 Summer Semester (2)

Dear colleagues,

In these difficult times with often rapidly changing circumstances, I am able to provide you with some new information today:

Situation following the enactment of the amended Infection Protection Act:

The fourth version of the Infection Protection Act of 22 April 2021 came into force today after its announcement yesterday. Today, university management had the opportunity to discuss the currently applicable legal status with the State Ministry of Science and the Arts. The following resulted from this discussion:

1. The twelfth Bavarian regulation on infection prevention and control measures provides us with a binding interpretation of the Federal Infection Protection Act. The Twelfth Bavarian Infection Protection Measures Ordinance provides us with a binding interpretation of the Federal Infection Protection Act. In accordance with this, it remains the case that no in-person courses or events will be held at universities, irrespective of the rate of infection.
2. However, in accordance with the twelfth Bavarian regulation on infection prevention and control measures in the version of 22 April 2021, the Federal Infection Protection Act will be enforced such that the universities may continue to hold practical laboratory, art, music and sports courses in line with the existing hygiene concepts until further notice, irrespective of the rate of infection.
3. Libraries and archives can still be operated under the current regulations.
4. Holding in-person examinations is still permissible if a minimum distance of 1.5 m is maintained between all participants and other requirements stipulated in the hygiene concepts are observed.

Infection protection:

With regard to the Corona infection prevention measures implemented at our university, there is a continuous exchange with the public health authorities, various physicians and also the university's occupational health and safety committee (including the university physician involved in this committee). Due to open legal, financial and logistical questions, it is not yet possible to make any statements about the use of coronavirus tests in in-person courses and examinations.

Video recordings of lectures:

The University of Bamberg's Student Parliament would like lecturers to continue to make use of the possibility to hold courses asynchronously in the form of videos available on the Virtual Campus and to keep the recordings available until the end of the following semester for the purpose of self-study and preparation for examinations or repeat examinations.

A letter with similar content is simultaneously being sent to the students. It is available on the coronavirus website (<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/health-management/coronavirus/>).

Best regards and best wishes for you and your families. Sincerely,

Stefan Hörmann