

Information on Studies in the 2021 Summer Semester (3)

Dear students,

We have recently received some new information which I would like to share with you:

Infection risk in in-person examinations:

According to a new regulation issued by the Robert Koch Institute on the classification of contact persons, there is no substantial change in the situational assessment of our in-person examinations. In the future, as long as all infection control measures are observed, it will not be necessary to automatically quarantine all other examinees in the event that a participant is diagnosed with the coronavirus after the examination. However, particular importance is placed on a sufficient supply of fresh air by means of ventilation systems or adequate manual ventilation. The respective invigilators have been informed about the requirements pertaining to examination rooms and will ensure good ventilation.

Mask requirements in examinations:

Wearing medical masks will be required as a minimum standard for our university examinations, effective immediately. In consultation with the Ministry of Education, the wearing of a medical mask is also strongly recommended for outstanding spring 2021 state examinations. Alternatively, wearing FFP2 masks remains an option for state and university examinations.

Testing in the context of courses and examinations:

As of today, the university can provide you with coronavirus self-tests. The tests are intended to serve as an additional safeguard for currently scheduled practical courses and in-person examinations. Testing remains voluntary. It is also important that, in addition to this self-testing opportunity, you continue to be mindful of rapid testing services provided under medical supervision outside the university.

Information on how to obtain self-tests is available here: <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/covid19/tests/studierende/>. This registration system makes it easy to track the delivery of the tests and also to avoid crowding at the pick-up stations. When registering, you must select whether you want to use the tests for courses, group work or examinations, and when and at which of the following drop-off points you would like to collect the tests:

Feldkirchenstraße:	FG2/1.OG, Mon. und Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m
ERBA:	WE5/01.018 (WIAI Dean of Studies office), Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Standort Innenstadt:	U11/00.23 (Guk Student Representatives), Tue. 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. M3N/-01.21 (Huwi Student Representatives), Wed. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (and possibly other times)
Am Zwinger:	ZW6/01.10, Mon. – Thurs. 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m

The tests are provided in packs of 5. For in-person courses, instructors can collect the tests they need for their students at the distribution points and distribute them directly. We urgently request that both students and instructors test themselves or be tested before courses and examinations, preferably at home or before entering university premises. Further information on the Covid 19 self-tests can be found in the additional document provided.

The legal situation pertaining to the use of tests in the context of higher education is as follows: Since testing is in principle voluntary, persons who do not take a coronavirus test cannot be excluded from taking part in a course or examination. At the same time, however, it is also true that someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus must observe the generally applicable infection protection regulations. The immediate isolation required in the event of a positive test also means that the persons concerned can be denied access to a course or examination.

Possibility of individual examination flexibility:

With a recent amendment to the university's Corona Statutes, instructors, in consultation with the Dean of Studies, can now grant both students from abroad and within Germany who cannot take part in an examination for objective Corona-related reasons an individual make-up date – if necessary, also with a different examination format. Information on the exact procedure for submitting an application can be found here: <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/health-management/coronavirus/faq-for-university-members/faq-for-teachers/>.

Teaching in the 2021/22 winter semester:

Generally speaking, we will approach the coming 2021/22 winter semester in the same way as the current summer semester. As things stand, we can still expect a high degree of online teaching with opportunities for limited in-person courses. The extent to which the latter will be permitted and can be carried out is, of course, not yet foreseeable. In any case, an online option will again be provided for each in-person course. We continue to strive for a return to regular attendance at the earliest and most responsible point in time.

Best regards and best wishes. Sincerely,

Stefan Hörmann