

Information on Studies in the 2020/21 Winter Semester (8)

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Dear students,

On behalf of the entire University Executive Board, I would like to start by offering you my sincerest thanks for once again making the best of your winter semester studies under difficult conditions and for flexibly and responsibly managing your examination schedules in recent weeks. We greatly appreciate your dedication and willingness to meet the many challenges of the coronavirus pandemic and to make infection prevention a top priority. Like you, we hope that university life can return to normal as soon as possible.

I would like to address a number of issues that have arisen since writing my last newsletter:

Students from at-risk groups during in-person examinations:

Since the start of the examination period, increased consideration has been given to the question of how students from at-risk groups can complete in-person examinations. It should be noted here that students with particular health risks verified by a doctor can apply with the responsible examining board for special examination conditions at any time – and particularly now during the coronavirus pandemic.

Mask requirements during in-person examinations:

In accordance with the regulations for state examinations, participants are required to wear a mouth and nose covering during all in-person examinations. Although wearing FFP2 masks is not required, I would strongly encourage you to do so if possible.

Teaching in the 2021 summer semester:

Generally speaking, we will approach the coming summer semester in the same way as the current winter semester. We can expect a large proportion of online teaching with opportunities for selected on-site courses. The extent to which the latter will be permitted and actually feasible is, of course, not yet foreseeable. In any case, an online version of each in-person course will again be created as a possible alternative in the summer semester in order to maintain a degree of independence from changing infection rates and corona-related developments.

Newsletters in English translation:

English translations of newsletters are published shortly after originals at <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/health-management/coronavirus/>, meaning that international students will have an easier time staying abreast of all current information, regulations and decisions.

I wish you all the best for the semester break and much success in your examinations.

Sincerely,

Stafan Hörmann