

Information on Study-related Developments in the 2021/22 Winter Semester (9)

Dear students,

At the end of the lecture period and the beginning of examinations, I would like to provide you with information on some new developments.

Admission to courses, libraries and archives:

Pursuant to the most recent decision by the Bavarian State Cabinet, the 3G rule, as it applies to admission to courses, libraries and archives, has been in effect since last Thursday. This means that it is now once again possible for all students to access the university in one way or another, even beyond examinations.

Regional hotspot lockdown:

With the aforementioned cabinet resolution, the previously suspended and massively prohibitive regulations on the regional hotspot lockdown with an incidence rate of 1,000 or more have now also been lifted without replacement.

Compliance with the applicable “G status” for all university employees:

At the beginning of the examination period, I would like to emphasise once again that in addition to all other infection prevention measures, all university members – students and lecturers alike – must reliably comply with the applicable G status requirements (vaccinated, recovered, tested) and provide evidence of this during checks conducted for admissions purposes.

In-person teaching in the summer semester:

It has already been clearly and repeatedly communicated that in-person teaching will once again have top priority in the coming 2022 summer semester, and that this will also form the basis for the integration of digital teaching elements. The Bavarian Minister of Science, Bernd Sibler, has also recently made a very strong case for this position. I would therefore like to emphasise once again that the university is counting on your on-site presence in Bamberg during the summer semester. Please take this into account in your personal planning.

Huwi student representatives’ website for international students:

The student representatives of the Faculty of Human Sciences and Education (Huwi) operate a website with important information, especially on the topic of coronavirus, for international students (<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/huwi/personen-und-einrichtungen/fachschaft-huwi/information-for-international-students/>) and are working hard to keep the information there as up-to-date as possible. I would like to express my special thanks to the Huwi student council for their outstanding commitment. In this context, I would also like to refer you to the university's English-language coronavirus website: <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/health-management/coronavirus/>.

Brochure on gender-neutral language usage:

I would also like to make you aware of the university's brochure on gender-neutral language usage in German: "Gendergerechter Sprachgebrauch – Empfehlungen für alle Universitätsangehörigen". The University Executive Board has approved the current version, and the Senate also expressly endorses this manual. The brochure is intended to provide suggestions and examples of how you can formulate precisely, correctly and in a gender-neutral manner. It can provide guidance and offers a variety of wording suggestions including addressing people or using special characters. The following still applies to you: In academic papers (such as term papers or theses), both gendering and non-gendering are permissible and are not allowed to influence the assessment of the paper. All information and a PDF version of the brochure are available at <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/gleichstellung/sprachempfehlungen/>.

I would particularly like to thank you for your resolve in adapting to new circumstances, especially in a winter semester characterised by the particularly challenging coronavirus situation.

Sincerely,

Stefan Hörmann