

Information Teaching in the 2021/22 Winter Semester (9)

Dear colleagues,

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.

Make-up examination offering:

I recently indicated the possibility of granting students a make-up date if they miss an examination for objective coronavirus-related reasons. In order to avoid any misunderstandings, it should be emphasised again that coordination with the Dean of Studies is only necessary if the option of a different examination format currently permitted in the Corona Statutes is chosen for the make-up examination.

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, also recently made a very strong case for this position in a letter to university presidents. Furthermore, the university will be using various channels to repeatedly signal to students that their presence on site in Bamberg is expected in the summer semester. For this reason, it is also very important that you now quickly remove any reference to restricted in-person studies from the websites for which you are responsible. When scheduling course rooms, you can assume maximum room capacity without restrictions from April onwards.

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/>.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for your many contributions to excellent teaching in the particularly challenging 2021/22 winter semester.

Sincerely,

Stefan Hörmann