

Information on Teaching in the 2021/22 Winter Semester (10)

Dear colleagues,

I would like to provide you with information about current developments on this last day of the 2021/22 winter semester.

Support services for those affected by the Ukraine war:

On behalf of the University Executive Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the outpouring of support and assistance at our University in connection with the Ukraine war and its effects. Detailed information on support services for affected students and teaching staff, as well as for university members who want to help, is available at <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/hilfe-fuer-die-ukraine/> in German, English and Ukrainian. I would particularly like to remind you that there may be students in your courses who are very preoccupied with their own experiences or concerns about close relatives.

Coronavirus protection measures:

Most of the rules and regulations pertaining to coronavirus will expire this coming weekend. I will communicate what exactly this means for our university operations as soon as the situation becomes clearer.

Modified extension of the university's Corona Statutes:

A modified version of the University's Corona Statutes was recently extended through the end of the 2022 summer semester (<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/abt-stu-dium/aufgaben/pruefungs-studienordnungen/>). This means that deviations from the teaching and examination regulations stipulated in the statutes are still permissible in special cases. In contrast, the regulations on the suspension or extension of deadlines for examinations or admission to degree programmes expire today (31 March 2022).

Recording options for in-person courses:

As is generally known, production of audio or video recordings require that those persons recorded consent to the parallel electronic recording of an in-person course. This consent can also be assumed given without a formal declaration if notification to this effect was made before the start of the recording and it is possible to participate in the course in question without being recorded. The latter point entails, in particular, that the course must provide the opportunity for participants to ask questions that will not appear in the recording (for more information in German, see also <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/beauftragte/datenschutzbeauftragter/datenschutz-information/online-lehre/> and <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/rz/dienstleistungen/tele/hybrid/>).

Central schedule for all examinations:

Following consultation between the Standing Committee on Teaching and Students and the four academic faculties, a central examination schedule will be available beginning in the 2022 summer semester. For this purpose, a revised version of the already existing summary of registration dates for decentralised and centrally organised examinations will be presented on the Examinations Office website under the heading "FlexNow/FlexNow for students". Currently, the revised version is not yet available online. However, you can view the information in German at the following link: https://out.uni-bamberg.de/prf/prf-neu_Entwicklung.jspx.

Following a significant expansion of the querying options and an increase in clarity, the focus is now clearly on examination dates from the 2022 summer semester onwards. In the case of future decentralised examinations, it will be important to enter the examination date and type of examination in FlexNow. You can find instructions on how to enter this data in FlexNow's academic unit module in the VC course "FlexNow für Lehrstühle": <https://vc.uni-bamberg.de/course/view.php?id=268>. These instructions are also referred to separately in the VC news corresponding to the course. You will also find helpful tips and instructions on other topics for your daily work with the academic unit module. If you are not yet a member of the VC course, please contact flexnow@uni-bamberg.de for activation.

The registration overview will only provide added value in terms of content if these parameters are entered in FlexNow for decentralised examinations across the University. For centrally organised examinations, this information is entered by the Office of Examinations.

There are plans to place the revised version of the overview on the Office of Examinations' website at the beginning of the summer semester lecture period. This will give you the necessary lead time to add any missing information in FlexNow.

Course admissions:

With regard to course registration, it is not permissible to allocate course assignments on a first-come, first-served basis, i.e. according to the order and thus the speed of registration. Rather, all students must first have the same opportunity to register within a defined period of time. If the existing enrolment capacity of a course is exceeded, measures must be taken in accordance with the course admission regulations in force since 2011 (<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/fileadmin/www.abt-studium/Pruefungs-Studienordnungen/Lehrveranstaltungs-zulassungssatzung/Lehrveranstaltungs-zulassungssatzung-1.pdf>).

Staff advisory and support services:

Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to the website concerning advisory and support services for members of staff, which has been online for some time now (<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/organe-und-einrichtungen/beratungsangebote/konfliktberatung-beschaefigte/>). Parallel to conflict counselling services for students, you will find an overview of contact persons and conflict counselling services for all other university members here.

Best wishes and warm regards,

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