Update on the current semester

Dear lecturers of Ulm University, dear colleagues,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the successful start to a winter semester with a high presence on campus and to acknowledge the positive feedback regarding our new, "old" campus life. Understandably, I also receive a lot of queries about the hygiene rules in student life and how to deal with the 3G checks, and I would like to give you up-to-date answers to these:

1. here you can get the latest information on attendance at Ulm University.
https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/
On this website you can always find out about the currently valid rules for corona operation at the university. The circulars to students are also published here. Frequently asked questions are answered on the page https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/faqs-universitaet-ulm/#c818985. I would also like to highly recommend this site to keep up to date with the latest information.

2. information around the 3G access rules and their control
Information specifically about the 3G sample model trial can be found here:
https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/3g-modellversuch/

Independently of the 3G random sample model trial, you can check your 3G status in any course at any time or on a random basis, which is obligatory for attending your face-to-face teaching. In addition to the 3G certificates listed below, you can also ask for identification documents (e.g. student ID) or use other means, especially if you suspect cheating or similar. (see below).
Who counts as a participant in a course?
The participants of a course include all persons who are involved in it. In addition to the students, this also includes the teachers, assistants and technical staff involved. All participants must meet the 3G requirements.

What to do if 3G access rules are violated?
Attending an event without 3G proof is a misdemeanour, the same applies to people who refuse to show 3G proof. Advise them in a friendly manner that they are not allowed to enter the course. In most cases, those willing to participate will simply have forgotten their certificate and can present it at the next course date.

If people without a 3G certificate stubbornly refuse to leave the room when asked to do so, the security service or police assistance can be requested via the caretakers of Ulm University. The number can be found on the user instructions posted in lecture halls and seminar rooms. As a lecturer, you are initially acting within the scope of your house rights. This allows you to prohibit a person from entering the event room for the duration of the event. The caretaker or security service only needs to be called in if the person does not comply with this instruction (see Hausrecht.pdf).

A report will not be made unless there are repeated breaches of duty or the person resists the measure (then by the caretakers).

On the other hand, presenting a forged 3G certificate may be a criminal offence. If you suspect that a forged proof is being presented to you, check this in the interest of all those who trust that the other participants are complying with the 3G regulations. You can scan the code for this purpose, e.g. with the CovPass app, to check whether this vaccination certificate was actually issued, and you can ask to see an official ID card to check whether the vaccination certificate was actually issued to this person.

If you have reasonable grounds to believe that you have been presented with a fake certificate or a certificate issued to another person, the University will file a criminal complaint. To do so, please send an e-mail with the following information to zuv.dez1@uni-ulm.de:

- Surname, first name and, if known, date of birth and address of the accused person.
- Course and date/time/place
- Further information on how your suspicion is founded
- Your name and contact details

These 3G certificates are valid

- a complete vaccination certificate (e.g. vaccination certificate with completed 2nd vaccination for at least 14 days, digital vaccination certificate, official vaccination certificate),
- a certificate, e.g. issued by the family doctor, confirming that the patient has been infected with Covid for no more than 6 months,
- a negative rapid test at a test station specially commissioned for this purpose in accordance with § 6 Paragraph 1 of the Coronavirus Test Ordinance of 21 September 2021 (BAnz AT 21. September 2021 V1) (citizen test centre, pharmacy, general practitioner or similar), which is not older than 24 hours at the start of the event, or a negative PCR test certificate, which is not older than 48 hours at the start of the event. Until 10 November at the latest, the University of Ulm also hands out the test offer, which is actually available for employees, to students. The test is conducted under supervision and the test certificate is valid for 24 h for students.
Persons without such proof are excluded from participation in the event. A negative test carried out by a non-certified testing facility under supervision (employer, association, other university or similar) cannot be used for admission to other facilities or events.

For employees, the self-test issued twice a week by the university is also valid as proof of testing. They must document their negative test results. Please refer to the personnel website for possible consequences of incorrect or incomplete documentation.

For special cases, please refer to the information provided by the Robert Koch Institute at https://www.rki.de/SharedDocs/FAQ/COVID-Impfen/gesamt.html;jsessionid=18AA2642A4874A00C433F4BDB64051B4.internet061.

3. hygiene concept examinations
In examinations, 3G is not considered a prerequisite for participation in accordance with the current Corona regulation on study operation. Checking the 3G status of participants is not permitted here. Masks are mandatory whenever the 1.5 m distance between examinees is not maintained. In lecture halls with fixed rows of seats, seats that are 1.5 m apart have been marked with green dots. These can be used for examinations and events that wish to waive the mask requirement. If you wish to hold events at a distance in other rooms, you must ensure that the distance is maintained yourself.
You can also find information specifically on holding exams here: https://www.uni-ulm.de/studium/pruefungsverwaltung/hinweise-fuer-pruefende-zur-abnahme-von-pruefungen-waehrend-der-corona-krise/

4. lecture recording and dealing with synchronous online teaching
Please remember that lecture content should be recorded or made available in another suitable form on Moodle. This gives students who are unable to attend a lecture due to illness or quarantine the opportunity to catch up on at least some of the material they have missed. Very interactive courses in which discussions take place and students make many of their own contributions are not usually recorded. For the sake of optimal studyability, please refrain from synchronous online teaching without recording and compulsory student attendance. Due to the room situation, students who are at the university are often unable to comply with compulsory attendance in synchronous online teaching. Therefore, if you offer synchronous online teaching, be sure to record it!

I am pleased that we were able to start the lecture period with more attendance this semester. In most subjects, the majority of the courses are even taking place on campus again. I would therefore like to thank you once again for your commitment in making this possible.

Kind regards
Yours
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