Information for the winter semester 2021/22

Dear students of Ulm University,

We are all looking forward to a winter semester under the motto "Back on Campus". The personal contact, exchange and social encounters that are essential to studying and which you and your lecturers have sorely missed are now to find their place again. At the same time, the external situation is still very uncertain, many questions are open and will only be answered in a few weeks or months. Full attendance, as before the pandemic, will not yet be possible this winter semester. Take advantage of the valuable opportunities for face-to-face teaching! Get to know each other and your teachers, make contacts. Communication, discourse, interactions and the teaching of practical skills will be at the forefront of face-to-face teaching. Concepts for online teaching that have proven their worth will of course continue to be used. The next semester is a step towards a study programme that combines both worlds (face-to-face and online teaching). The study procedures will change and differ from the pre-pandemic period. Many things will not yet function smoothly. Routines will be missing, new paths will be taken. Please continue to be patient and try to support others.

I would like to give you some orientation points for the upcoming winter semester.

Hygiene rules for the study programme

Despite the current situation, we would like to offer you a good study programme with as many attendance events as possible. In order to ensure a high level of protection against infection with the corona virus at the same time, we demand strict adherence to hygiene rules from all participants. The planning group for teaching operations and the occupational safety department have prepared the coming winter semester on the basis of the currently valid Corona Ordinance and the Corona Ordinance for study operations.

Entry ban
You may not enter the University if:

- You are subject to a segregation obligation in connection with the corona virus,
• you are not wearing a medical mask or an FFP2 mask,
• you cannot provide proof of testing, vaccination or recovery.

To lift the participation ban, which can be imposed for example if you have COVID-like symptoms, you need a negative PCR test, not older than 48 h. The health authority decides on the lifting of quarantine obligations in case of Corona disease.

Behaviour in the building, mask obligation and 3G testing
• Only demonstrably vaccinated, recovered or tested (3G) persons may enter the University. Lecturers and supervisory staff in common areas are authorised to check 3G attendance requirements.
• A minimum distance of 1.5 m from other persons must be maintained throughout the University and regular hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette must be observed. Gatherings are to be avoided, this applies in particular to circulation areas and shared spaces such as break rooms and tea kitchens.
• In university buildings, a medical face mask or FFP2 mask must be worn in all corridors, in areas with public traffic.
• In university rooms, masks are compulsory whenever the minimum distance between participants cannot be permanently maintained. At events in which the participants maintain a distance of 1.5 m from each other permanently, the mask may be dispensed with.

Violation of the participation requirements may result in temporary exclusion from the course and a fine. Whether the 3G participation requirements will be checked daily and before every event or on a random basis has yet to be decided in the next few weeks. As soon as the implementation has been decided, I will inform you.

Staying at the university
If you want to stay at the university between two courses in attendance or to study, you have two options:
• You book yourself a seat in the library at https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de/CoronaNG/user/veranstaltungen.html Kommunikations- und Informationszentrum (kiz) → kiz-vergabe-bib: Vergabe von Plätzen im Lernort Bibl.-Zentrale
• You can book a seat in one of the common areas within the University at https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de/CoronaNG/user/veranstaltungen.html Zentrale Universitätsverwaltung (ZUV) → Dezernat V Gebäudemanagement → Aufenthaltsflächen (Sonstiges)

The library staff or student hygiene scouts coordinate the reservations and monitor compliance with hygiene rules. It is not permitted to stay in a non-supervised free room without a reservation or to stay in the corridors for a longer period of time.

Contact data collection
In order to ensure the follow-up of possible infection chains, the contact data of persons staying in a room are collected via the electronic recording system KNApP UU. Please scan the QR code on the room/area with a smartphone or use the web link provided to enter your data.

This is how teaching works
Your lecturers will generate Moodle courses for all courses taking place. You can access these courses via the LSF or, in medicine, as usual via registration in CoronaNG.
From 15th of October, you can find out which courses are taking place in which department and in what form on the page: https://www.uni-ulm.de/studium/aktuelle-informationen-zum-studium-an-der-universitaet-ulm/.
Here you will also be redirected to the overviews of the departments.
Please note that the content posted in Moodle is protected by copyright and may not be passed on or shared with third parties.

In addition to imparting knowledge, all teaching formats are designed to promote communication and cooperation between you and your fellow students and with your lecturers. At least organisational information is provided on Moodle for all teaching formats. Lecture content should be recorded or made available on Moodle in another suitable form. If you are unable to attend a course due to illness or quarantine, this will give you the opportunity to catch up on some of the material you have missed. Very interactive courses, in which discussions take place and you as students make many of your own contributions, are not usually recorded.

**You will need a terminal device with an internet connection for all teaching formats.**
Please note that attendance and/or online participation is compulsory in some courses. You will receive more information from your lecturers.

The lecturers were asked to assign their courses to one of four categories:

1. **On-site format**: Only the attendance parts are relevant for examinations; organisational information, lecture recordings, literature recommendations, additional and exercise materials are given via Moodle. Students are expected to be present on site.
2. **Combi format**: both attendance and online parts are relevant for examinations. Examination-relevant online parts are, for example, compulsory online exercises, electronic performance records or examination material that is to be worked on independently. Students are expected to be present on site.
3. **Hybrid format**: Students can choose between attending the course in person or online. Students are not required to be present on site if they participate in the online version.
4. **Online format**: Only the online parts are exam-relevant. In presence, question and practice sessions can be offered, but the presence of the students on site is not required.

A more detailed overview of the teaching formats can be found on this page: https://www.uni-ulm.de/studium/lehrformate-an-der-universitaet-ulm/.

You can find out which format a course belongs to in the LSF and from your department.

**Do you have questions about hardware?**
The Computer Centre of Ulm University (kiz) has put together an overview page for you. Here you can find out what IT equipment you should have to make online teaching work. (https://www.uni-ulm.de/studium/it-basisausstattung-fuer-studierende)
In addition, I recommend that you test your technology before lectures begin. There is an opportunity to do this in the Moodle courses for first-semester students, which the student representatives are currently setting up for you and which will be available shortly.
You can find a compact overview of all information pages for the winter semester 2021/22 at https://www.uni-ulm.de/studium/aktuelle-informationen-zum-studium-an-der-universitaet-ulm/. This page is updated on an ongoing basis.
Examination mode

*The following applies to Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes:*

Ulm University will continue to make arrangements for dealing with the effects of the Corona pandemic on study and examination operations in the winter semester 2021/22, in particular to ensure the studyability of the study programmes offered by Ulm University. In particular, Ulm University has introduced online examinations. We will inform you in good time about the regulations in force for the examination period of the winter semester.

*The following applies to the degree programmes in Human Medicine and Dentistry:*

Students will be informed about examinations - including examination formats - by the respective examination schedule. This will probably be available in full at the beginning of the lecture period.

Regulations for BAFöG recipients

For students enrolled in the summer semester 2020, the winter semester 2020/2021 or the summer semester 2021, the maximum BAFöG funding period and the submission of proof of academic achievement according to § 48 BAFöG for all degree programmes will be increased by the corresponding number of semesters, i.e. for students who began their studies in the summer semester 2020 or before by 3 semesters, for students who began their studies in the winter semester 2020/21 by 2 semesters and for students who began their studies in the summer semester 2021 by one semester.

Examination deadlines

For students who are enrolled in a degree programme in the summer semester 2020, winter semester 2020/2021 or summer semester 2021, the deadlines for completing subject-specific coursework and examinations in this degree programme will be extended by one semester for each semester.

Answers to the most frequently asked questions can also be found here https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/hochschulkommunikation/informationen-zum-coronavirus/faqs-zum-notbetrieb/ in the section Studies and Teaching.

Application as a hygiene scout (m/f/d)

Support us so that we can offer as many learning places for students as possible in the winter semester. Apply to be a student hygiene scout! If you are interested, write to the address hygienscouts@uni-ulm.de from 08/18/2021. You can find more information about the job advertisement in the attachment.

The last semesters could be mastered mainly because of your great mutual support and cooperation, understanding for each other and willingness to be flexible. This atmosphere of mutual trust characterises Ulm University and will ensure that we will also master the coming period well together. Let us start the new semester with confidence!

Best regards

Yours

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