Welcome to the winter semester 2021/22

Dear students of the University of Ulm,

I would like to welcome you to the University of Ulm for the winter semester 2021/22. For many of you, it is your first semester at the University of Ulm and thus a step into a new, exciting phase of your life. For all of us, this semester is a new start. After a long phase in which only a very limited number of students were able to attend classes, we are starting a semester with significantly more events and activities on campus. All lecturers and staff are looking forward to seeing you again and would like to give you a good (re-)start to your studies in presence and a fulfilling campus life.

However, the pandemic still requires strict hygiene rules. Only if we all follow these and show consideration for each other can the new start in Präsenz be successful. The key to an extensive return to university is Corona vaccinations. With a high vaccination rate among students and lecturers, the distance rules in lecture halls and seminar rooms can be relaxed in perspective, and more events can be offered on site again.

1. anyone who has not yet had the opportunity to be vaccinated can take up a low-threshold offer at the University of Ulm.

On Wednesday, 20 October (from 08:00 - 12:00), and on Wednesday, 27 October (from 12:00 - 17:30), a mobile vaccination team of the German Red Cross (DRK) will come to Ulm University - South Entrance (gallery at Bistro Southside 1st floor - access is signposted).

It is not necessary to make an appointment. Please bring your identity card - and if possible your vaccination certificate and health insurance card.

The vaccination campaign is open to all interested parties. Students of the Ulm University of Technology, citizens of Ulm, etc. are also welcome.
2. testing option for unvaccinated students.
For unvaccinated students, who also do not have medical proof of recovery from SARS-CoV-II, a negative rapid test at a certified testing station (citizen test centre, pharmacy, family doctor or similar), which is not older than 24 h at the start of the event, or a negative PCR test proof, which is not older than 48 h at the start of the event, is a prerequisite for attending courses or staying at the University (exception exams see below). The tests for people who have not yet been vaccinated will no longer be free of charge from 11 October. Students with vaccinations not recognised in Germany can still be tested free of charge until the end of November.

It is the clear line of the state of Baden-Württemberg to convince as many people as possible to be vaccinated. However, for a certain transitional period, the state is allowing us to hand out remaining stocks of self-tests free of charge to students who still need a test in order to take part in their studies. Until 10 November at the latest, the University of Ulm can also hand 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.
The University's test station will be open on Mondays (07:00 - 09:00) and Wednesdays (11:00 - 13:00) from Monday 18.10.2021 and is located in N24, Nv. 1, Rm. 133.

3. hygiene rules in the study area

No-entry ban
Courses may not be attended by persons who:
- are subject to a segregation obligation in connection with the coronavirus,
- wear neither a medical mask nor an FFP2 mask,
- have no proof of testing, vaccination or recovery.
- have COVID-like symptoms
- refuse to provide contact details

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

Behaviour in the building, compulsory masking and 3G testing
- Only demonstrably vaccinated, recovered or tested (3G) persons are allowed to participate in courses. 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 where participants maintain a distance of 1.5 m from each other permanently, the mask may be dispensed with.
People are directed through separate entrances and exits. This is not always possible in teaching rooms. In this case, students must be informed in good time and checks must be carried out before the entrances to ensure that the distances are maintained and that no "bunches" of people form.

The following are considered as 3G proof:
- A complete vaccination record (e.g. vaccination certificate with 2nd vaccination for at least 14 days),
- a certificate, e.g. issued by a general practitioner, confirming that a covid infection was overcome no more than 6 months ago,
- a negative rapid test at a certified test station (citizen test centre, pharmacy, family doctor or similar) that is not older than 24 hours at the start of the event or a negative PCR test that is not older than 48 hours at the start of the event.

Students without such proof are excluded from participation in courses. Violation of the attendance requirements may result in temporary exclusion from the course and a fine.

The control of the participation requirements in designated learning rooms and areas is carried out daily and individually by the supervising persons. The control of the 3G participation requirements in courses is carried out on a random basis by the lecturers within the framework of a scientific model test. As a student, you must expect that teachers will check your 3G evidence at the entrance to a course and should have it with you every day. People who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons must prove their 3G status before each course.

Stay at the university
If you want to stay at the university between two courses in attendance or to study, you have two options:
- You can book 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 (in German)
- You book yourself a seat in one of the common areas within the University from 18.10.2021 under https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de/CoronaNG/user/veranstaltungen.html Central University Administration (ZUV) --> Dezernat V Gebäudemanagement --> Aufenthaltsflächen (Sonstiges)

Library staff or student hygiene scouts coordinate 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.

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! The application is worthwhile. You will work under a paid auxiliary contract. If you are interested, write to hygienescouts@uni-ulm.de.

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.
Information on the applicable hygiene regulations
You can always find up-to-date information on the applicable hygiene regulations at: https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/ and in the FAQs: https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/faqs-universitaet-ulm/#c818985

Of course, the Studierendenwerk also offers a wider range of services in the winter semester. If you have any questions about the refectory, housing or Bafög, please inform yourself here: https://studierendenwerk-ulm.de/.

This semester again has a number of innovations in store, not only for you as students, but also for your teachers. Please continue to remain confident and patient and have understanding for each other. I would like to thank you for your great support in the past semesters and wish you a good start.

Kind regards

Yours
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