Update on the study programme in the winter semester 21/22

Dear students of the University of Ulm,

I would like to commend you on the successful start of this semester. By adhering to the hygiene rules and your high level of willingness to be vaccinated, you have ensured that it is once again possible to study in attendance. The ongoing pandemic situation continues to shape everyday study life. Thank you for supporting the necessary measures to protect against infection so well and for your exemplary behaviour.

Hygiene rules in study operation
The current Corona Regulation on Study Operations has been extended unchanged until 25.11.2021. The Corona Ordinance on Study Facilities remains unaffected by the issuing of warnings or alerts based on the general Corona Ordinance. In particular, this also means that the 3G regulations continue to apply to study operations and that antigen tests continue to be sufficient (see below Corona rapid tests in study operations). However, due to the increasing number of infections, it cannot be ruled out that the admission rules to courses may be tightened during the semester. Therefore, I would like to make a clear appeal to all those who have not yet decided to be vaccinated to do so.

The random checks of the 3G certificates before the courses have shown a very high vaccination rate of over 93%. Again, a big thank you to you for deciding to vaccinate. The model trial is expected to continue until the end of the lecture period.

Despite high vaccination rates, it is necessary to observe distance and masking rules during the study period. Please continue to behave prudently and inform yourself about the applicable regulations (https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/). Do not enter the university if you have symptoms suggestive of a Corona infection (https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Steckbrief.html;jsessionid=E0EA7263356BE5EF819ECFFA783FA4E2.internet112?nn=13490888#doc13776792bodyText8) and also get tested as a
vaccinated person if you learn of a case of infection in your area. I would also highly recommend using the Corona alert app.

**Corona rapid tests in study operations**
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, GP or similar) that is not older than 24 h at the start of the event or a negative PCR test proof that is not older than 48 h at the start of the event is still a prerequisite for attending courses or staying at the university (exception: exams). Students with vaccinations that are not recognised in Germany can still be tested free of charge until the end of December.

Since many students who have only been vaccinated once and are still waiting for the second vaccination have taken advantage of the internal test offer of the University of Ulm, we are extending the test offer, which is actually available for employees, also for students until 30.11.2021. The test is carried out under supervision and the test certificate is valid for 24 h for students.

The university's test station is open on Mondays (07:00 - 09:00) and Wednesdays (11:00 - 13:00) and is located in N24, Nv. 1, Rm. 133.

**Combination of face-to-face and online teaching**
We are all breaking new ground this semester with new teaching formats that combine face-to-face and online components in courses. Please give your teachers constructive feedback. Which methods do you find particularly good for learning? Where do things get stuck? Your tips will help your teachers to adapt to your needs accordingly.

With this update, I wish you continued good progress in your studies and remain with

kind regards
Yours
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