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Implementation of final examinations / Regulations for study programmes and examinations

Dear staff and lecturers

I would like to inform you about the following two points regarding the autumn semester 2020.

Regulations for study programmes and examinations in special and extraordinary situations

We are still in a special situation, triggered by the Corona pandemic. We are convinced that with the hybrid teaching we have found a suitable solution for the current situation. However, we do not know how the epidemiological situation will develop. In order to be prepared for a worsening of the situation, the University Council has put into force the regulations for the study and examination system in special and extraordinary situations for the autumn semester 2020.

The regulations have the following content – similar to the spring semester 2020:

- For staff/lecturers according to art. 4 and 5: if necessary, module descriptions and assessments can be adjusted ;
- For students according to art. 7: unsatisfactory or failed modules in the spring semester 2020 are not counted as an attempt and may be repeated.

For details please refer to the regulations.

Implementation of final examinations for Bachelor/Consecutive Master

The university executive board has decided to hold the final examinations for Bachelor/Consecutive Master for the autumn semester 2020 on site as planned during calendar weeks 04 – 06 2021 (25.01.2021 – 12.02.2021). In order to comply with the social distancing rules and in compliance with the protection concept, 1,5 m distance will be kept between students during the final examinations; the wearing of protective masks will not be necessary during the exam.

In order to allow the implementation of the final examinations under these conditions within the scheduled three weeks, the following general conditions must be observed:

- The entire three weeks of examinations, Monday to Friday, must be available. Any restrictions on the time allowed for the examinations, which may have been communicated in study programmes, cannot be taken into account. Students and examiners are therefore advised to keep the entire three examination weeks free.
- Examinations can be scheduled on the examination days from 08:15 a.m. onwards; lunchtime can also be used. Students and examiners are therefore advised to keep the whole day free. More examination blocks than before can be planned, for example 08:15 – 10:15 / 11:15 – 12:45 / 14:15 – 16:15.

The examination schedule for the final module examinations is planned centrally by the administration and will be published in mid-November. Further information will also be communicated by mid November.

Please note that due to a worsening of the epidemiological situation, a subsequent adjustment to the modalities of the final module examinations as well as to the examination schedule might become necessary.

Kind regards

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