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## **Epidemiological situation does not allow for relaxations**

Dear students, lecturers and colleagues

The current epidemiological situation does not yet herald any easing; on the contrary, it even points in the wrong direction. For this reason, the Federal Council has not announced any significant easing steps today. Only the number of permitted personal meetings will be increased from 5 to 10 persons. On-site teaching at universities is still not allowed. The business community in particular is under enormous pressure. But we at the universities are also longing for a return. On 14 April 2021, the Federal Council will communicate on how to proceed.

## **We continue to pursue our path**

On 25 February, we informed all members of the UAS Grisons that the entire spring semester in the Bachelor's and consecutive Master's programmes will be conducted in distance mode. The university management will decide on the mode of implementation of the block week (week 23) and the final module examinations on 21 April 2021. The current development shows us that we are on the right track. In addition to the health of our university community, planning security is at the centre of our efforts. It is enormously important for a successful semester. Numerous positive responses from students confirm that we are on the right track. However, we also take contrary feedback seriously and examine what can be further improved for the benefit of us all.

Special forms of teaching such as laboratory and model construction are still possible, provided that an exceptional approval has been granted by the prorector. All the achievement records that are due during the semester will – also as already communicated – be carried out online as a matter of principle. Here too, justified exceptions can be applied for. Due to the smaller class sizes, a return to face-to-face teaching will be sought in continuing education as soon as relaxations are possible. As long as the distance mode is in place, the certificates of achievement will also be carried out online.

## **Operational tests for employees started**

As of this week, all members of staff can voluntarily be tested for the Covid 19 virus as part of the cantonal company test strategy. Test kits can be collected from the main building at Pulvermühlestrasse and returned until 1.30 pm. Registration is required to participate in these tests. Staff who still wish to register can do so via [notfall@fhgr.ch](mailto:notfall@fhgr.ch). This is another way to actively participate in the fight against the spread of the virus.

All measures and current decisions can be found on our website [fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus](https://fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus).

I am glad that we are continuing to move forward together in this crisis. It takes patience and perseverance. We are all proving anew every day that we can do it. I would therefore like to thank the entire university community once again for their far above-average commitment in these times of distance learning and home office.

Warmest regards and stay healthy

Yours, Jürg Kessler

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