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Decisions made for the rest of the spring semester

Dear students, lecturers and colleagues

Following the relaxation steps announced by the Federal Council, the university management today made the decisions necessary for a successful completion of the spring semester. The one-third room capacity is the most limiting requirement for us. Despite the possibility of returning to face-to-face teaching, which seems tempting at first glance, the UAS has decided to stick to the already planned majority of online teaching in the Bachelor's and consecutive Master's programmes until the end of the semester. This was prompted on the one hand by the limited room capacity of one third and on the other hand by our concern to ensure the greatest possible planning security for everyone. As previously communicated, continuing education is exempt from this and we will resume face-to-face teaching here. All resolutions are valid until the Federal Council decides on possible tightening for the universities.

Bachelor's and consecutive Master's online until end of semester (week 22)

We believe that in this way we can offer our students the best conditions for a successful completion of the semester. Special forms of teaching, such as laboratory and model construction, are still possible with the approval of the prorector. In exceptional cases, individual on-site events are now also possible with approval, for example colloquia in the first year of study. In this way, we want to accommodate those students in particular who have hardly ever been on site since they began their studies. Access for study groups (maximum 10 people) or the use of the on-site infrastructure should also be made easier. Corresponding applications must be submitted to the emergency team (notfall@fhgr.ch).

Although the block week (week 23) is also primarily conducted online, applications for an exceptional approval are also possible with the approval of the prorector. For on-site teaching forms, the usual protection measures and the requirements in the updated protection concept continue to apply.

As already communicated, the assessments during the semester will be carried out online as a matter of principle. The final module examinations, on the other hand, are to be conducted on site - with the exception of the oral examinations. Students are requested to keep the period of the three examination weeks (incl. Saturdays) free for the examinations.

Return to face-to-face teaching in continuing education

We will return to face-to-face teaching in continuing education from Monday, 19 April 2021. In order to meet the room capacity requirements, students may have to be distributed among several rooms. It is essential to continue to observe the distance rules, hygiene regulations and the mask requirement as well as the updated protection concept. Streaming and recordings

will be made available for students who are unable to attend classes on site. The directors of studies will provide information on the organisational details. In the continuing education programme, on site assessments will also be possible again as of Monday.

No excursions until 4 June 2021

Even if certain relaxations are possible again, we want to stick to our decisions regarding excursions. Excursions will continue to be prohibited until 4 June 2021. After that, excursions within Switzerland or Liechtenstein can be permitted again in exceptional cases upon application. Such excursions will be permitted if they are a compulsory part of the degree programme and no adequate online substitute is possible. Excursions abroad are not possible until at least the end of August. The university management will reassess the situation at its meeting on 1 July 2021 or earlier if the need would arise due to next decisions. On-site events are also not possible in principle until the end of August. Exceptions for "on-site events" with a maximum of 50 people can be applied for via the emergency team.

University sports

The latest measures make it possible for students, employees and alumni to once again benefit from some of the sports on offer at the UAS Grisons. Sports activities are very important for both physical and mental health. The UAS therefore also attaches great importance to these opportunities. Currently, some online courses are also offered. More information: fhgr.ch/university-sport

Company tests partially release from quarantine obligation

We continue to contribute to keeping the number of infections low with our company tests. Registration is required in order to take part in these tests. Employees who still wish to register can do so at notfall@fhgr.ch. Parts of the quarantine obligation are waived for persons who regularly take part in the company tests.

All measures and current decisions can be found on our website fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus. Further details can be found in the updated protection concept.

I hope that our way back into the new UAS everyday life meets with understanding. Even though we see light on the horizon, it is enormously important that we continue to do our part to keep the pandemic at bay. Only in this way will a wider opening become possible in the foreseeable future. Therefore, we tackle this task as a strong university community and continue to strictly adhere to the measures in place, not only in the university environment.

Spring greetings and stay healthy!

Yours, Jürg Kessler

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