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## **Next relaxation steps at the UAS Grisons**

Dear students,

The epidemiological situation is currently developing favourably, more and more people are vaccinated and the infection figures are decreasing. Last Wednesday, the Federal Council announced the end of the protection phase and further relaxation steps. As of today, we are in the stabilisation phase.

At the universities, face-to-face classes are being expanded again. The restriction to a maximum of 50 people will be lifted, provided there is a test concept, the canton has given its approval and the mask and distance requirements are complied with. However, the distance requirement still means that only 50% of the room capacity can be used. For us at the UAS Grisons, this nevertheless opens up limited possibilities for relaxation.

We are sticking to the decisions we made on 16 April 2021 for teaching and continuing education in order to ensure the greatest possible planning security and a successful conclusion to the spring semester. These decisions are therefore valid - as already announced - until 11 July 2021.

The final semester examinations will take place under the conditions already communicated. As part of the protection concept, body temperature will be measured on site during the examinations. If there is an elevated temperature, the examination will be conducted in a separate room.

### **Expansion of services**

Due to the latest federal requirements, however, certain expansions of our services and the creation of additional workplaces on site are possible. From 7 June 2021, both libraries (location A and E) will therefore be available to students for learning purposes during normal opening hours until the end of the stabilisation phase. In addition, one quiet room and one group room will be opened at each of these two locations, where students can also work on their Bachelor's and Master's theses. The signaled capacity restrictions apply in these rooms.

At the Zurich location, such rooms are coordinated by Priska Obrecht. At the Bern and Rapperswil locations, the specifications of the relevant university apply; the corresponding information is provided by the head of study as soon as it is available. Other rooms must still be requested via the emergency management.

Services for students such as the Career Centre, Counselling Service or International Office can also be arranged on site again from 7 June 2021.

### **Outlook**

The university management has decided that all decisions it has made will be valid until the end of August, even if the Federal Council should end the stabilisation phase earlier. Planning for the 2021 autumn semester will be intensified on the basis of the Federal Council's

decisions last Wednesday. For example, face-to-face courses without capacity restrictions can be envisaged, provided a test concept and the approval of the cantonal authorities are available. The obligation to wear masks and to keep a distance will still apply. A possible change from the stabilisation to the normalisation phase is also included in our planning.

All measures and currently valid decisions can also be seen on our [website](#) and are constantly updated there. It is essential to continue to observe the distance rules, hygiene regulations and the mask obligation (AHA!) as well as the updated [protection concept](#) - also for vaccinated, recovered and tested persons. Only in this way we can succeed in continuing the positive developments.

We wish you a successful end to the semester and good luck in the examinations.

Yours, Jürg Kessler

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