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## **Preparations for the autumn semester**

Dear students

The exam weeks are over and for many of you the well-deserved summer holidays are about to begin. Others are still in the middle of preparing for their Bachelor's and Master's theses and will be challenged once again before quieter times return.

In order for you to be well prepared and also to be able to plan the coming time, it is important for us to tell you as early as possible how we want to organise the autumn semester 2021 at the UAS Grisons. As much of the teaching as possible is to be held on site. The university management has therefore taken the first decisions on the organisation of the 2021 autumn semester.

Our considerations are based on the decisions of the federal government and the canton. The federal Covid 19 ordinance currently in force stipulates that the minimum distance of 1.5 is to be maintained, if possible, even in face-to-face teaching. In addition, no more than two-thirds of the room capacity must be occupied and a protective mask must be worn. This also applies to convalescent, vaccinated and tested persons.

### **Autumn semester starts in hybrid-alternative mode**

The epidemiological situation remains unpredictable and a worsening to the start of the semester is possible. Due to this fact and the requirements of the federal government, the university management has therefore decided to run the first four weeks of the autumn semester in hybrid-alternative mode. Analogous to the hybrid-synchronous mode from the autumn semester 2020, students will be divided into two groups, each alternating one week on site. Students who are not on site, however, no longer participate synchronously via the video conferencing system, but learn in guided self-study according to the lecturer's assignment. This reduces the complexity for everyone involved and the lecturers can concentrate on the students on site. You will be informed about the exact implementation of the lessons by your course leaders at the end of August. Also then, we will inform you about the way the block week in October and the lessons in the following weeks will be conducted.

I hope that this information has given you some planning security.

Let us continue to adhere to the hygiene and distance rules in order to protect our mutual health. The obligation to wear protective masks in the buildings of the UAS Grisons also remains unchanged. This also applies to recovered, vaccinated and tested persons.

All decisions and measures in force are continuously updated on the website [fhgr.ch/coronavirus](https://fhgr.ch/coronavirus).

We hope that we will be able to tackle the autumn semester 2021 partly on site again, to look each other in the eye again and also to experience moments together outside the classroom again.

We wish you a restful and happy summer season.

Yours, Jürg Kessler

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