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Autumn semester 2020

Dear students.

According to the current state of knowledge, the special situation will prevail in the autumn semester 2020. In the autumn semester, we will continue to depend on you as students to support the UAS Grisons, its teaching staff and employees for the continuous development of hybrid teaching – for example as student supporter.

Unscheduled repeat exams

The <u>regulations for study and examination in exceptional situations</u> stipulate in Art. 8 Para. 3 that students who fail the assessment, Bachelor's or Master's level at the end of the spring semester due to modules that were not passed in the spring semester 2020 will be offered an unscheduled repetition in August 2020 (CW32 - CW35).

In order to give you enough time to prepare for the exams, the University Executive Board has decided to bring forward the deadline for the submission of grades by one week and to move the exams to the end of calendar week 34 and calendar week 35. The timetable for you is as follows:

Responsible	CW	Date	Task
Directors of studies	31	Fri, 31.07.2020	You will be informed by the director of studies whether you can take part in the unscheduled repeat exams. The information includes the modules and the examination mode (written or oral exam).
Students	32	Tue, 04.08.2020	You give feedback to the directors of studies whether and which modules you want to repeat.
Students	32 - 34	Wed, 05.08.2020	You prepare for the exams.

Responsible	CW	Date	Task
Students	34 - 35	Fri, 21.08.2020 - Fri, 28.08.2020	You take the exam.

Protection concept

Currently, the <u>protection concept</u> V01.05 (only available in German) is valid for the UAS Grisons. The UAS Grisons has revised its protection concept for the upcoming start of the semester in September with regard to the compulsory use of masks.

The revised protection concept V02 is valid from 01.09.2020. The guidelines are:

- A general obligation to wear protective masks applies to all members when staying in rooms as well as on the forecourts of the UAS Grisons, with the exception of classrooms, offices, libraries, group rooms and cafeteria.
- All students are responsible for their own protective masks.
- Please inform yourself about the <u>protection concept</u> and the measures for contact tracing.
- Students at the Bern (Multimedia Production) and Zurich (Information Science) locations will be informed promptly by the directors of studies as soon as we are aware of the protection concepts of the locations concerned.

Hybrid teaching

The <u>protection concept</u> of the UAS Grisons valid from 01.09.2020 stipulates that students must maintain a distance of at least 1.5 m when attending classes on site. This distance rule reduces the capacity of the classrooms by at least 50 %, which makes it impossible to hold classes with all students on site.

In order to be able to comply with the protection concept, according to today's status, the UAS Grisons today will offer the Bachelor's programmes as well as the consecutive Master's programmes in the autumn semester in hybrid teaching. In principle, the classes will be divided into two equally sized groups A and B. One group takes part in the classes on site, while the other group follows the classes in the distance learning mode from home at the same time. The groups alternate weekly in terms of attendance: group A, for example, is on site during the odd semester weeks, group B during the even semester weeks.

You will be informed of the group distribution as well as the attendance and distance learning weeks or days by the directors of studies by 04.09.2020. The directors of studies will also determine which courses require on-site attendance.

The following objectives are achieved with hybrid teaching:

- Attendance teaching: Under the given distance rules, the highest possible proportion of classes on site is made possible.
- Health: The protection concept can be adhered to and thus the risk for students and teachers as well as their relatives can be minimized.
- Planning security: The planning security is high for all people concerned.

Depending on the room capacities as well as the didactic or infrastructural requirements, adapted solutions can also be found for certain modules or study programmes in line with the objectives:

- Classes can be conducted entirely in attendance teaching, provided that all students can be on site in compliance with the protection concept.
- Solutions can be found for classes that must be conducted on site, for example laboratory work.

Please prepare as follows for your studies in autumn semester 2020:

- Make sure that you have the necessary technical infrastructure at home, in particular a laptop with camera, microphone and loudspeakers as well as a stable and sufficiently powerful Internet connection. (If your laptop is not already equipped with a camera, microphone and loudspeakers, you can also use external devices such as your mobile phone).
- Check the procurement of an external keyboard and monitor.

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Best regards,

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