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Autumn semester 2020

Dear students,

We are pleased that you have decided to study at the UAS Grisons. Your director of studies have already or will inform you soon about the start of your studies. We would like to inform you about the conditions under which you can start your studies in the autumn semester. In the following you will find information about the protection concept of the FH Graubünden, the introductory week as well as hybrid teaching.

You can find further information about the course of studies in the context of the coronavirus pandemic at fhgr.ch/coronavirus. We would like to ask you to regularly check this website for information. If you have any questions about the course of studies, the director of studies or the crisis management can help you. You can contact the crisis management by phone: +41 79 565 17 14 or via notfall@fhgr.ch.

Protection concept

For the upcoming start of the semester in September, the UAS Grisons has revised its protection concept with regard to the compulsory use of masks. The revised protection concept V02 is valid from 01.09.2020. Guidelines:

- 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 [protection concept](#) 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.

Introductory week

You start your studies at the UAS Grisons with the introductory week or the introductory days. Your Director of Studies has already informed you or will soon inform you about the programme of the introductory week. The protection concept of the UAS Graubünden also applies to the introductory weeks.

In order to ensure your health as well as the health of your relatives and the employees of the UAS Grisons, some of the events will take place online or the introductory

programme will be designed in such a way that the contact among students and between students and employees is minimised.

Please make sure that you have protective masks already for the introductory week.

Hybrid teaching

The protection concept 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.

We wish you a relaxing holiday season.

Best regards and welcome at UAS Grisons,

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