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New coronavirus measures of the UAS Grisons

Dear students,

Last week, both the University Council and the University Management made decisions, which should ensure planning security for all of you for the rest of the spring semester 2020. I would like to go into this in detail below.

Distance Learning

Classes will continue in distance learning mode until at least the end of May (calendar week 22). This decision applies to all of our programmes. However, this is always subject to decisions announced at cantonal or national level. For any questions you may have, please contact your director of studies.

This week we will start with phase 3 of the distance learning programme. In this phase, the proportion of interactive methods will be increased and, for example, the following teaching scenarios will be made possible:

- You can use the video conference system to ask questions live about the material.
- You can do group work via the video conferencing system, exchange information within the group via the video conferencing system and show your fellow students your results live in form of a presentation and answer their questions.

Events and Excursions

All internally and externally planned events, workshops etc. until end of May are cancelled or postponed to a later date. From 1 June onwards, events may be held again if cantonal and national regulations permit. If you have any questions about events, please contact the event team: events@fhgr.ch.

As with the events, a large number of excursions has already been cancelled. It has now been decided that all excursions up to and including 29 May must be cancelled or, where possible, postponed. From 30 May onwards, excursions will be possible again, if the situation allows it.

Proof of performance

Most of the education and training programmes also provide for credits during the semester. On-site performance records from 16 March to the end of May are converted into online performance records. The course administrators will provide you with a list of all changes to the performance records of this spring semester. Detailed information can be obtained from your module coordinator or lecturer.

Furthermore, it is currently impossible to estimate whether and under what conditions the final examinations for all modules can be held in June 2020. The university management has therefore decided that these examinations should be converted into online credits whenever possible. The university management will adopt the previously submitted proposals of all module final exams at its meeting on 22 April. Afterwards, these will be finalised by the directors of study and communicated to you. If you have any questions regarding the credits, please contact your course administration.

Student Mobility

A highlight for many Bachelor and Master students is an exchange semester at a partner university. For the autumn semester 2020, 65 of our students are scheduled to study at such a partner university. Due to the dynamic development of the coronavirus pandemic, a second wave of infection in autumn cannot be ruled out worldwide. It is very important to us to protect you from health and other risks during your stay abroad. Accordingly, the university management has made the following decisions:

Exchange program: Continue planning your semester abroad in close consultation with the International Office.

Double Degree Tourism: We recommend that you waive the exchange year in Australia. Together with our local partner university, we are looking for opportunities to make you an offer for the spring semester 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the International Office or the director of studies.

Freemovers: We strongly recommend that you do not study at another university in the fall semester 2020. If you have any questions, please contact the International Office or your director of studies.

Regulations for studies and examinations in extraordinary situations

The legal basis for many of these decisions, e.g. for changing the final module examinations to online suitable credits, has been created by the University Council through the adoption of a set of regulations for study and examination operations in extraordinary situations. As soon as the signed version is available, the regulations will be published on the website under "Reglemente".

As I have already communicated on several occasions, I would like to emphasise that your success in your studies is our primary objective in this exceptional situation. Your director of studies is at your disposal for any questions you may have. You can also contact me via notfall@fhgr.ch, for the attention of the president.

I would also like to take this opportunity to refer you to the [Coronavirus section](#) of our website, where you can view all our measures (e.g. also the solidarity modules) as well as information on further offers (see "How can I stay healthy?").

I thank you for your good cooperation in this phase of virtual study and wish you good health.

Best regards
Jürg Kessler

Head of crisis management, President