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Covid-19 pandemic: relaxation of your studies as of 8 June 2020

Dear students,

On Wednesday, the Federal Council announced the next steps in the opening process, including the opening of the universities of applied sciences from 8 June 2020. We are pleased about these relaxation measures, but we also recognise that the extraordinary situation will remain in force until 19 June and the special situation going onwards, so we are not yet back to normal! In order to give you the greatest possible planning security, the university management of the UAS Grisons already decided about a month ago that you will virtually complete the spring semester 2020. Also, access to the premises is still only possible upon registration or by order of the Director of Studies or your lecturers, so that we can guarantee contact tracing.

Final module examinations

Next on the agenda, from 15 June to 3 July, are the exams. In addition to on-site examinations, there will also be written and oral remote examinations. In contrast to on-site exams, during the distance exams you are not at the UAS Grisons, but at home for example. These remote examinations take place in the following forms:

- Written remote exams on Moodle: You take the exam, which is provided to you in the form of a Moodle quiz or test activity, directly in Moodle and hand it in there.
- Remote written exams on paper: You can access the exam directly in Moodle. However, you solve the exam on paper. To hand in your answers, scan or photograph them and upload them to Moodle.
- Oral remote exams: The oral exam will be held over the video conference system.

Please read the detailed information on this exam procedure carefully.

Some exams will be carried out on site. In order to protect your health and that of our employees, a protection concept has been developed for this testing situation, among other things. The specifications listed in this concept must be observed.

Bachelor and Master Thesis

The schedule for the submission of your Bachelor's or Master's thesis remains unchanged. For the defensio of your thesis the same protection concept applies as for the on-site examination situation mentioned above.

Library

Since the beginning of the virtual UAS Grisons, media were sent from the library to your home upon your request. As of 8 June, you can now take advantage of all services offered by the libraries on site, by appointment. It is still not possible to stay in the library to study though. Please note the protection concept valid for library visits.

Exchange semester

Those of you who have planned an exchange semester in the coming autumn semester are certainly looking forward to this special time of your studies. Students heading for Germany, Austria or France can now plan their exchange semester, subject to the decision of the partner university. For students with destination in other Schengen countries, we recommend to wait until 6 July before booking travel. From this date, the Federal Council wants to allow freedom of travel within the Schengen area. We recommend that students travelling to Great Britain wait until 6 July before booking their trips. Then the situation will be reassessed by the UAS Grisons and the affected students will be informed by the International Office (international@fhgr.ch). The International Office will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

FHGR Choir

The choir will also be able to resume its rehearsals from 8 June. Here too, hygiene and safety measures must be observed. In addition, a list of participants will be kept for two weeks after each rehearsal. It will then be disposed of.

Outlook

The current situation gives us reason to hope that we will be able to conduct the autumn semester 2020 in attendance classes. However, we expect that certain protective measures will still be necessary. These will be implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Confederation, canton and city and - where necessary - revised. We are already looking forward to welcoming you again personally at the UAS Grisons!

Please keep up to date with the latest information on the coronavirus section of the UAS Grisons website: fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus.

Best wishes, nice Whitsuntide and much success in the upcoming exams,

Your

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