Studying at Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences during Winter Semester 2020/21

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Please also check the information on the Corona website of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences regularly.

Semester Period
- Start of lectures: October 5, 2020
- Lecture-free period over Christmas holidays: December 23 – January 01, 2021
- End of lectures: January 22, 2021
- Start of exam period: January 23, 2021
- End of exam period: February 20, 2021

The orientation days are planned before the start of the lecture period from September 30 to October 2, 2020 and will take place in a mixed form of online and on-site events.

Forms of Instruction
- Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences is planning a mix of on-campus seminars and online teaching. Most of the courses will be held online, but there will also be individual, fixed attendance days with seminars in small groups. The current hygiene standards will be followed.
- The forms of examinations are also designed flexibly. At the present time, we cannot make any statement about the form the examinations will take in individual courses. This information will be announced later this semester, probably in November 2020.

Enrollment - Health insurance
- International students who do not travel to Germany to study at Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, but study online from their home country / home university for the entire semester, do not have to prove that they have health insurance to enroll at Osnabrück UAS. However, the health insurance obligation comes into effect as soon as the student enters Germany and is valid retroactively from the beginning of the semester. In this case, monthly contributions must be paid for the entire semester, including the months in which you have not yet been in Germany.

Hygienic Standards
To enable limited on-site instruction, the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences has established the following regulations:
- Access to university buildings is only permitted for:
  - Employees
  - Students who are attending a classroom instruction session on that day
  - Individual visitors who are attending scheduled appointments with university lecturers / employees
- Mouth-and-nose coverings and distance rules:
  - Masks covering the nose and mouth are compulsory in all situations where a distance of 1.5 meters cannot be maintained.
  - In seminar rooms, there is no need to wear mouth-and-nose coverings during the course session, provided that the distance rules are observed.
  - Wear a mouth-and-nose covering in all waiting areas (library, cafeteria, etc.) located directly in front of the building entrances.
  - It is not necessary to wear a mouth-and-nose covering when moving around in outdoor areas (cafeteria square, park in Haste, parking lots, etc.), provided the distance rule is observed.
• Depending on the size of the room, the maximum number of people allowed in the room is determined (minimum of 6.5 m² per person, minimum distance between individuals of 2.5 m). This also applies to open self-study zones and PC pools.
• In the case of practical laboratory training with several workplaces and/or workstations, only one student at a time may work at one workplace / station.
• Devices and work surfaces are to be disinfected appropriately after each change of group or station (e.g. wiping with disinfectant wipes).
• Seminar and laboratory rooms are to be aired several times a day, at least every 45 minutes, during every break and before every event. Ventilation systems, where installed, are pre-set accordingly.
• Attendance lists are to be kept for all courses. In self-study zones, voluntarily attendance lists are provided.
• Hand disinfectant dispensers are distributed throughout the buildings.

Services
• All service facilities (library, cafeteria, advisory services and university administration, university sports, etc.) are in operation. You can contact us at any time by phone or e-mail. However, our service facilities can either not be reached personally or only to a limited extent, and most have limited offerings (e.g. library: shortened opening hours, limited access to reading / working rooms; cafeteria: food for pick-up only after prior order; university sports: small program of outdoor and live stream offerings).

Technical Equipment
• Bring with you all the technical equipment you will need to participate in online courses (laptop or tablet including microphone, loudspeaker and camera).

General Information
• Bring along plenty of flexibility and openness for different teaching methods as well as the willingness to adapt to different models even at short notice. As soon as you are enrolled as a guest student and have registered for courses, the instructors will keep you regularly informed about when, where and in what form the respective courses and examinations will take place.
• Keep in mind that the conditions for studying and living in Osnabrück as well as the travel possibilities to Germany and back to your home country can change at any time, as they are adapted to the prevailing situation.
• Your stay in Germany takes place at your own risk and in your own responsibility.

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