

Dear Students,

Winter semester 2020/21 has begun. We will continue to guide you with this newsletter and inform you about the developments and decisions that are important for your studies. The semester so far has been and will be a mixture of online teaching and selected classroom-based seminars and lectures. Many thanks for your commitment and your understanding in these special times. In fact, all around us, numbers of infections are on the rise and the two districts surrounding our university locations have been declared “risk areas”. Our hygienic regulations, however, are robust and allow us to proceed with the semester as planned.

Out Topics in today’s Newsletter:

How to deal with national risk areas

If your place of residence is in a risk area, you may still attend classes at the university. In the state of Lower Saxony, inner-German travel does not lead to quarantine. However, as soon as you have symptoms that might indicate a corona virus infection, or if you have been quarantined by the authorities because you have been in touch with an infected person, you may not come to the campuses of the university anymore. In case you have symptoms and are unsure what to do, please contact the Center for International Students. We will advise you on what to do. Should there be changes in the regulations, we will inform you immediately. Please also monitor our website: <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/corona/>

Hygienic Rules in Laboratories

We have adjusted our hygienic rules for lab classes and other usage of labs: <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/corona/#c9824927>

Tools and Surfaces must be cleaned after every usage. Household detergents are sufficient.

Reminder: Registration Procedure in Face-to-Face Classes

We have already informed you that in all face-to-face classes, the contact data of all participants must be stored.

Please register for the class by scanning the QR-code on your table and by filling out the form that pops up on your smartphone. Alternatively, you can fill out the form on the internet: <https://core.hs-osnabrueck.de>. In addition, there are prints that can be filled.

Reminder: Obligation to wear Protective Face Masks in all Buildings!

When walking through any buildings of the university, wearing a protective face mask is mandatory! In addition, you must keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters from other persons. When you sit down at a desk, you may put down your mask only if distances to all other persons can be kept.

Therefore, you are obligated to wear a mask in any and all situations where a minimal distance of 1.5 meters is not possible. In all waiting areas, the mask is mandatory. Waiting areas are for example:

- Entrance halls of libraries
- Lingen Campus inside the hall
- Entrance halls (e.g. Building AB)
- all corridors when you are waiting for an office hour

We wish you a great end of the week, an energizing weekend, and hope that you'll all stay safe and healthy!

Your University Steering Committee