

## Corona virus | Current Information E-Mail to all Students, Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear students,

again today, we would like to give you information on some important regulations and suggestions that will help all of us to overcome the current extraordinary situation.

The Student Service Center (Studentenwerk Osnabrück) has notified us that until April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, there cannot be any guests in the mensa as well as in other restaurants due to drastic prohibitions by the city and region of Osnabrück: <https://www.osnabrueck.de/start/leitartikel/news/weitere-einschraenkungen-in-landkreis-und-stadt-osnabrueck-weitgehender-stillstand-verstoesse-sind-s> (article in German).

Only to-go offers are still legal. It is illegal to eat within 50 meters of any restaurant or the mensa. Therefore, all mensas in Osnabrück as well as in Lingen will close immediately.

Regarding mandatory practical projects in companies

Currently, a substantial number of students is completing mandatory internships in companies and institutions. In some of them, students' opportunities to continue their internships have been restricted due to the current situation. If your host company / institution orders you to continue working from at home, and if this means that you can continue to work on your project, this will have no effect on the recognition of your internship by the university. The same statement is true if your project will stop while measures to slow down the spread of the corona virus are effective, and will resume and be prolonged to reach its full duration after these strict measures are lifted again. In both cases, please inform the Office of the University Registrar as well as your university supervisor. If your company / institution cancels your contract, your internship will be recognized if at least two thirds of the agreed workload have been completed. Otherwise, a new topic will have to be agreed upon.

Additional information regarding bachelor and master theses:

In order to facilitate colloquia during the emergency operation of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, two different modes have been devised:

1. The exam will take place at the university under the participation of the student and the university supervisor. The company/ institution supervisor will participate via video conference.
2. All three persons involved participate in the exam online. If this mode is selected, please communicate your decision to the Office of the University Registrar and the academic dean in charge of your study program.

If the three parties cannot agree on either of these two modes, the colloquium must be postponed indefinitely.

Online tray of all newsletter / information mails

In the past days, we have sent you a lot of information in our daily info-mails. Should you have lost these mails, or if you are unsure whether you have received all e-mails, you can now find them on our website <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/de/corona/#c8913144> in chronological order.

We would like to say thank you to all of you for your commitment to coping with this demanding situation. We wish you and your families all the best and that you will stay at good health.

Your University Steering Committee