

## Corona Virus Update | Current Information E-Mail to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear students,

one day prior to the Pentecost weekend, we would like to send you up-to-date information. We are all entering the final phase of this unusual summer semester. The last weeks of classes are ahead of us and the exam phase will follow immediately. At the same time, we are planning the winter semester in different scenarios as currently, no-one can tell which situation will await us this fall.

Our topics for this week:

Schedule for winter semester 2020/21

The presidents of all universities of applied sciences in Niedersachsen have agreed with the Ministry for Science and Culture to begin classes on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2020. This means that our winter semester will begin two weeks later than usual. The end of the exam period will be February 20<sup>th</sup> 2021. Further detailed information about the structure of the winter semester 2020/21 will be announced towards the end of next week.

Second Phase: Re-Opening of the library: Reading rooms will be re-opened

After a successful first phase of re-opening the libraries of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences since May 4<sup>th</sup>, the second phase will follow from June 1<sup>st</sup> onwards. The University Library will be open on all campuses Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.. Lending books, copying, printing and scanning will be the services on offer. The restricted access (30 minutes per person) will be lifted so that students can use the library for longer periods of time. In addition, carrels will be re-opened under the condition that distances are kept. Also, there can be no group learning. 50 places are available on the Westerberg campus, 13 on Campus Lingen and 13 on Campus Haste. The number of persons who will be admitted to the library at the same time will be 50 on Campus Westerberg, 25 on Campus Lingen and 25 on Campus Haste. After thorough evaluation, further places might be made available in time. Of course, users will have to continue to wear protective masks and abide by hygienic rules. Those rules as well as further details can be found on the library website (in German): <https://www.bib.hs-osnabrueck.de>

Online Office Hours for Students regarding the usage of ZOOM

In June and July, the eLearning Competence Center (eLCC) will offer online office hours twice per week in which students can ask question regarding the usage of ZOOM. Question should revolve around using ZOOM in presentations, group presentations, etc..

In addition, the eLCC has created a so-called padlet (a virtual black board) where questions can be asked in writing. The eLCC will answer these questions within a week.

Please find detailed information on dates and procedures in the OSCA portal: <https://osca.hs-osnabrueck.de/Wikibereich/Studium%20und%20Lehre%20%C2%B0/06%20eLearning%20Competence%20Center%20-%20eLCC/Sprechstunde%20zu%20Zoom%20-%20von%20Studis%20f%C3%BCr%20Studis.aspx>

And today's music recommendation: "Campus in Concert" turns into "Sofa in Concert"

The Newcomer-Festival featuring bands from our Institute of Music can be attended tonight on the university' youtube channel. Since concerts cannot take place on the Lingen Campus at this time, the organizers have decided to present an online version. The concert will be combined with a charity for musicians and other creative workers. Also, there will be a "concert in a box" which leads into the evening. If you want to be part of this premiere, click on this link at 8:30 p.m.:

<https://youtu.be/sSMleehXdcw>

Wishing you all a sunny and recreative Pentecoas weekend!  
Your University Steering Committee