

Corona Virus Update | Current Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Friday, October 30th 2020

Dear Students,

surely, you have heard that the federal and state governments have declared measures to reduce the number of new COVID-19 infections. Starting on Monday, November 2nd, further restrictions will be enforced that have an impact on the private, the public and the professional life of each of us.

Accordingly, we need to adapt our processes in teaching, learning, researching and working to the new situation.

We all hope that these measures that will be valid through the month of November will be successful. We hope that the numbers of new infections will decrease to a level that will give us more room for decisions. However, we can only attain this goal as a community: with responsible decisions, understanding for each other, and solidarity with everyone. What's most important: That we all evolve from this crisis without any damages to our health.

Today's Topics:

Scenario for Teaching and Learning: Face-to-face-classes with substantial restrictions

During the summer, we have informed you about different scenarios regarding teaching and learning. Due to the new orders issued by the federal and the state governments, we will switch to a scenario which allows even less classes to take place on campus. All classes that require special rooms or tools, e.g. lab classes, project classes, training classes, as well as introductory classes for first semester students as well as international students continue to take place on campus. All lectures and seminars, however, will have to switch to online mode during the month of November.

The only lectures that will take place on campus, will be trial lectures that are part of application procedures for professorships.

If the teaching concepts includes work in small groups, these must take place online, as well.

In group and orchestra classes in the Institute of Music, special attention must be given to hygienic regulations. If questions arise in this field, the Institute of Music should be addressed directly.

Access to University Buildings

From Monday, November 2nd 2020, onwards, all buildings except for the grand hall in Lingen, the libraries and the labs will be closed. Only some learning spaces will be accessible (e.g. in building SL) and may be used by single persons under strict observation of hygienic rules and by keeping a distance of at least 1.5 meters to any other person. Students who would like to use a room for learning activities beyond that, should get in touch with the Dean's Office of their respective faculty.

The libraries will remain opened. The learning carrels there will be allotted to students who have technical problems at home and cannot follow lectures online otherwise.

Work Organisation for Students

If you have acquired a COVID 19 infection, you are obligated to stay away from the university. Usually, the public health authorities will also order you to undergo quarantine. Logically, if you have been ordered by a doctor to stay at home because you may have caught a COVID-19 infection, you may also not access the campuses of the university.

If you are a member of a student body, please use any opportunity to work from home. If this is not possible, you may only use single rooms at the university. Make sure you observe any and all hygienic regulations and keep your distance to other persons.

Reminder: Protective masks must be worn in all buildings of the university at any time. Please abide by this rule and protect yourselves and others!

Mensa

The Studentenwerk announces that the "Mensa To Go" offer will continue to be offered. The "Mensa To Stay" offer will be discontinued from November 2nd, 2020 until further notice.

Despite these serious news, we wish you a good weekend and that you may stay healthy!

Your University Steering Committee