

## **Update: Corona Virus | Current Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Tuesday, December 15th, 2020**

Dear Students,

The „lockdown“, that has been declared by the federal and state governments starting on Wednesday has its effects on the university, of course. **The rules that we will communicate to you in this newsletter, are valid through Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** In the first week of January, we'll inform you on any changes after this time if necessary.

Here are the rules:

### **Suspension of all face-to-face classes**

Those classes that have been face-to-face until now (e.g. lab classes), will be suspended starting on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. All online-classes will continue to take place as planned.

### **No More Access to University Buildings**

From tomorrow, Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, onwards, all university buildings will be locked. There will be only two exceptions: The building of the Institute of Music will remain open to its students, and the library will continue to be open until Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2020. For further details see below. It will not be possible to enter any learning landscapes nor seminar rooms.

### **Exams**

We highly recommend to proceed with exams in online mode only. Written exams can only be offered on campus under strict hygienic rules.

### **Turning in Bachelor's or Master Theses**

The university's rules command that all bachelor's and Master theses must be handed in in written as well as electronic form. Due to the lockdown of copy shops and printing companies from December 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 until January 10<sup>th</sup> 2021, students will not need to hand in bound copies of their theses. However, they will still have to hand in a printed set of their thesis in an unbound form (e.g. a simple folder that holds the thesis). If you have no access at all to a printer, it will be sufficient to turn in the thesis electronically. The confirmation in place of a sworn oath that you produced the thesis by yourself and without any undue help of others, must be turned in in writing in any case.

To meet the deadline for your thesis, you must turn in the thesis by 11:59 p.m. on the day your thesis is due. The written copy can be put in any mailbox of the university of any building irrespective of where you study. Please see number 1.6 of the FAQs linked below.

If you would like to send your thesis by regular mail, please keep in mind that it must arrive at the university on the day it is due. Therefore, you will have to consider the time the mail will take to be delivered. Should the mail take longer than usual due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will not be to the disadvantage of students. If you have questions, please contact the Office of the University Registrar: <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/de/wir/organisation/organisationseinheiten/studierendensekretariat> (website in German).

### **Libraries**

**The libraries will remain opened until December 18th, 2020.** You can return any books that you have loaned until December 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 during the regular opening hours. From December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 until January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, there will not be any overdue notices.

To loan books during the opening hours, only single persons may enter the library buildings under strict abidance by the hygienic rules. Please note that only a few people may be in the buildings at the same time so that you may have to wait outside before you can enter the library. When waiting

outside, please make sure you keep your distance from others persons. There may not be any groups.

All group carrels in the library are closed. If you are currently preparing for an exam, please enquire with the library staff if an exception can be granted. The libraries will announce any changes on their websites: <https://www.bib.hs-osnabrueck.de> Please also note the current special conditions of use: <https://www.bib.hs-osnabrueck.de/#c8958517> .

**From December 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 until January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, the three campus libraries Westerberg, Haste and Lingen will be closed.**

### **Student Restaurants**

According to information from the Studentenwerk Osnabrück, the student restaurants will remain open. The restaurant in Lingen will be closed from December 21st 2020 until January 11th 2021. The restaurant on the Westerberg campus will be closed from December 22nd 2020 until January 3rd 2021. The restaurant on Campus Haste will remain closed. For further information, please check <https://www.studentenwerk-osnabrueck.de> from time to time.

And as always, we would also like to spread some positive news. Please have a look at a new podcast that ponders the question what the lockdown of cultural venues does to our society, how it changes our norms and values, and also what opportunities there may be: <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/podcast/#c10646934>

And last but not least, have a look at what our campus reporters have in store for you. Together with staff of the university, they have video surprises for you:

<https://youtu.be/N9g4nk wz0ss>

<https://youtu.be/QNTbYA5X4ag>

<https://youtu.be/z6aOh0pbpPY>

We wish you all a great remainder of the week and in the first place, we hope that you'll evade the virus and stay at good health!

Your University Steering Committee