

## **Coronavirus Update | Current Information E-Mail to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Friday, January 14th 2021**

Dear international students,

Today's newsletter is a little shorter than the German version as the German version contains a lot of information that is probably not relevant for you. Should you – for whatever reason – be a recipient of BAFöG (which is normally only available to German citizens), please turn to the Center for International Students for advice.

Apart from this, in today's newsletter, we would like to give you additional information regarding exams.

### **Traveling to Campus on Exam Days**

When traveling to campus on exam days, please walk, ride a bike or use a car, if possible. Please only use public transportation if that is the only way to get to the university. The bus authority has agreed to offer extra buses on line 17 during the examination period if needed so that the buses won't be too full. Alternatively, you can take lines M2 or 11 in order to reach "Campus Westerberg". For all other campuses, the usual lines apply.

Should you be traveling to exams from further away, please consider spending the night before the exam in a hotel. You will find a letter in your personalized area on the OSCA-portal that states that you are participating in exams. Please have this document with you at least electronically in case there will be checkpoints on the days when you are traveling. Also, this letter should give you an adequate reason to book a hotel room.

### **Extension of individual Standard Period of Study**

For all students who were matriculated and studying actively during summer semester 2020, winter semester 2020/21 or summer semester 2021, the standard period of study will be extended by one semester. This can have a positive effect on your "Study Account" (that is the number of semesters you may study without paying any long-term study fees, normally 10 semesters). Therefore, if you were in your first to ninth semesters in summer semester 2020, you can profit from this regulation. In this case you will not have to pay long-term study fees before your 12th semester. If you have individual question on this topic, please contact the Office of the University Registrar for individual advice.

If the summer semester 2020 was already your tenth semester, this positive effect, however, does not apply.

### **Reminder: Obligation to Wear a Protective Mask Inside University Buildings**

Inside all university buildings and in front of all entrances to all university buildings, there is a general obligation to wear a protective mask. In addition, you need to keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters to all other persons. In all waiting areas (e.g. the libraries), halls (e.g. Lingen Campus) and foyers (e.g. building AB), as well as on all parking lots, the protective mask must be worn at all times!

And – as stated before, you will have to wear your masks during the exams that take place face-to-face.

Dear Students,

of course, we try to keep up with the current situation, especially in Osnabrück, Lingen, and neighbouring counties. Should the 7-day-incidences rise considerably and new regulations published by the authorities, on campus exams will be cancelled at short notice.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to [kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de](mailto:kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de). The Communications Department will collect and forward your queries.

With our best regards

Your University Steering Committee