

## **Corona Virus Update | Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Dear Students,

the situation remains complicated. After the Easter Holidays, we once again witness rising numbers of infections in our region. At the same time, public orders from the federal state, the state of Lower Saxony as well as the cities of Osnabrück and Lingen are incoherent.

Therefore, we have decided to base our own decisions on the official orders for secondary schools. From May onwards, we will take up some face-to-face classes again: Practical modules in labs, in the fields of music and theater, and similar modules will take place on campus again. In order to be able to do so with safety for all, we are currently planning a self-test scenario for these modules. The University Steering Committee and the central unit for procurement are working on this task. We will give you more detailed information on this project as soon as possible.

Having state this, please remember that self-tests are not a replacement for your hygienic measures and precautions. They continue to be mandatory. Also, please note that the self-test strategy does not open the way to any additional face-to-face classes but that it only allows us to offer you the practice-oriented classes that you will need in order to complete your studies in a given time. The self-test scenario will be even more successful if you all make use of the offers from your cities and communities. Everyone is entitled to one Covid 19 test per week in the testing centers of the cities where you live.

The mostpart of lectures and seminars, however, will have to take place online once again.

Further important topics:

### **No face-to-face classes until May 2nd 2021**

Up until May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, there will be no face-to-face classes, exams, nor colloquia.

Exceptions:

- necessary lab work to complete projects, theses and other papers (maximum number of 2 students per lab at a time!)
- post-exam reviews (maximum number of 2 students per appointment)
- oral exams that constitute the third attempt in a given module
- art work that is necessary for your studies (only upon consultation with the responsible persons)

### **Library**

Due to the current situation, the libraries are only open to members of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences.

While this situation remains, the following rules for access apply:

Students may not use any work areas or work rooms in the libraries anymore. It will still be possible to loan books and other media, to print, copy and scan items. The library can be accessed for 30 minutes at a time. Therefore, we ask you to research the literature that you would like to loan beforehand.

Unfortunately, external users will not be given access to library at this time. For more detailed information, please see <https://www.bib.hs-osnabrueck.de> (website in German).

**VERY IMPORTANT: Blood Drive in OsnabrückHalle on April 21st 2021**

Together with the German Red Cross, AStA (a student body that represents the perspectives of students in university politics) is organizing a blood drive. At the OsnabrückHalle, on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 from 2:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., you can donate blood. Afterwards, there will be drinks and snacks for every donor. In addition, there will be a tombola with great prizes. Why is this so important? Especially in these times, blood donations can save lives. Regardless of the corona situation, many severely ill people need blood (e.g. during and after surgery, etc.). You can find detailed information on the [AStA Website](#) (in German).

NEW in this semester: Donating [blood by appointment](#).

In order to donate blood, please bring your passport, ID or driver's license with you, your donor's pass if you already have one, and of course a protective mask.

If you have questions, advice or complaints, please contact [kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de](mailto:kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de). Our colleagues in the Communications Department will forward your comments to the people in charge.

All the best to you!

Your University Steering Committee