Corona Pandemic Update | Current Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Wednesday, September 30th 2021

Dear Students,

a very special winter semester 2021/22 is about to begin. We look very forward to start classes again, especially since these can take place on campus and with normal room capacities.

In order for this to work, we ask you to be very patient and relaxed during the first days, but also in the weeks to follow.

Not everything will work from the beginning, there will probably be lines at the entrances or obstacles like this.

But we hope that the happiness to be back on campus will outweigh these small disturbances.

Information regarding 3G-Registrations

According to the corona regulations of the state of Lower Saxony, our university is obligated to maintain and control the 3G regulations when classes are taught online. This means that in order to participate in classes on campus, all students and teachers need to show proof that they are either:

- fully vaccinated (=ge-impft),
- fully recovered from an infection with the virus (=genesen) within the past 6 months or
- tested with a negative result (=getestet) \Diamond you can either present a negative PCR-test that is not older than 48 hours or a negative antigen-test that is not older than 24 hours

Your certicates, tests, etc. must be presented to safety personnel when entering a university building. In order to avoid long lines at these <u>checkpoints</u>, all members of the university can use a university web app to receive a mobile pass and to use the so-called "fast lane" at the entrance. Please note that the university does not store your certicates or test results when you make use of this app.

How to use the university corona registration app:

All members of the university with a university account can deposit their 3G-status. In order to do so, please enter the OSCA Portal (osca.hs-osnabrueck.de) with your university login and password, and follow these instructions (only available in German – please ask your buddy or a German fellow student to help you if you don't understand).

Students who have not registered in the university app and documented their status enter the buildings through the "slow lane". Here, they need to show proof of their being tested or fully vaccinated or fully recovered in order to access the building. Up until October 10th, tests can be obtained for free from the testing centers throughout the city. From Monday, Obtober 11th 2021, onwards, the university will enable students to test themselves in specified areas under supervision of university employees. Here, students will obtain certificates to document the result of the test in order to be able to participate in classes.

Corona-Registrations in Class

It is of utmost importance that all students register in the classrooms. If we have complete data on who participated in which class and when, we can gain new insights on how the virus is proliferated and whether those with vaccinations spread the virus further or not. Therefore, we ask you to not forget to register in each and every class. The online registration form (CoRe) has been extended and will produce a validation screen on your cell phone. There will be a new validation screen once per hour in each classroom. You can find a tutorial here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbvcbFh5wfU Also, you can find a written instruction on the intranet.

If you have questions or additional information that might help all of us, please send an email to kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de

We wish you a good and healthy start into the winter semester.

With best regards Your University Steering Committee