

Corona Virus Update | Current Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Friday, December 10th 2021

Dear Students,

we are very happy to be able to finish this year with face-to-face classes. This is possible only because we did not enter into Corona alert level 3 in Lower Saxony. In addition, our safety and hygienic concept has proved to be strong and reliable. And finally, it has been you who have abided by our rules that we were able to stay on campus.

In order to enable you to make your individual plans, today's newsletter deals with the last weeks of classes in January 2022 and the exam period in January and February 2022.

Classes from January 3rd 2022 onwards

Since rules and regulations can change within only a few days now, we have decided to change to online classes from January 3rd onwards. We are convinced that this is the best decision in order to enable you to study successfully and to ensure that exams can take place. Lab internships should also take place online if possible. If online is not an option, they should be postponed to a later point in time. If that, also, is not possible, they must be cancelled.

There can only be exceptions if practical classes must absolutely take place or otherwise, there can be no exam at the end. If this is the case and if state and federal regulations allow us to do so, 3G+ rules will apply. This means that all students, also those who have been fully vaccinated or fully recovered, will have to show an official, valid test (PoC antigen test no older than 24 hours or PCR test no older than 48 hours). Your lecturers will check your certificates.

Art classes (music, design, theater) as well as project work and lab work on final theses can continue to take place. Here, hygienic rules must be observed.

We will give you information on the summer semester as soon as possible, however not before the new year.

Self-test Centers

Just as planned, the self-test center will close at the end of this year. In order to find test centers, please see <https://geo.osnabrueck.de/corona/?i=kategorien> for Osnabrück and www.lingen.de/politik-rathaus-service/corona/testzentren/testzentren.html for Lingen (websites in German).

Exams

Just as planned, the exams at the end of the wintersemester 2021/22 will take place face-to-face on campus. The 3G+ rules will apply. Again this means that all students, whether vaccinated, recovered or none of the two, will have to present a valid test (PoC antigen test no older than 24 hours or PCR test no older than 48 hours). There will be entrance controls. In addition, you will need to wear an FFP-2-mask. Just like last semester, you will receive additional time (10 minutes per every hours of the exam).

We would like to urge you to handle this situation responsibly through the Holiday Season and any New Year's celebrations. Please make sure you reduce your personal contacts and pay attention to each other's needs.

Buildings Closed from December 20th 2021

All university buildings will be closed again from December 20th 2021. Employees and lecturers have keys to enter the buildings. Should there be any lab classes on campus, your lecturers will pick you up from the entrances and lead you into the buildings. The large hall in Lingen can be accessed by members of the university.

Last but not Least

Unfortunately, in our art study programs (e.g. Music Pedagogy, Theater Pedagogy, etc.), many events could not take place or had to take place online. We would therefore like to draw your attention to our Institute of Music's Christmas Gala. In this exciting show, our students of the Musical specialization will present highlights of their current musical productions. Great voices, expertly dance choreographies, amazing ensembles and beautiful ballads await you! On Sunday, December 12th 2021 at 7:30 p.m., this show will be streamed on the university's youtube channel. You are all invited to join!

You you have questions, comments or advice that might help all of us? Please send your input to kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de . Our colleagues from the Department of University Communcations are happy to hear from you.

We wish you a beautiful third Sunday of Advent and a successful last week of lectures this year.

Yours cordially,
The University Steering Committee