

Corona Virus Update | Current Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Friday, January 7th 2022

Dear Students,

happy New Year 2022 to all of you! We wish you good health and peace and hope that you had some beautiful moments between the Holidays and the return to university this week.

Since the pandemic has been going on for quite some time now, we would like to remind you of the most important rules. The last weeks of lectures, as you know, will be held online for the most part – exceptions are known. Our safety and hygienic concept is working well, and we only adjust it moderately to fit the current events.

Classes during the Remainder of Winter Semester 2022

With regard to fast moving changes in federal and state rules, and in expectation of rising numbers of infections, we have changed into online mode for the last three weeks of lectures. We are convinced that this will ensure that we can offer exams on campus and in the classrooms. That is our most important goal at the moment as we want you to be able to finish the semester successfully.

Exceptions have been made for practical classes where it is mandatory to be on site in order to finish the class and pass the exam. The classes that are affected by this have been communicated to the students who must participate in them. **These classes have to abide by 3G+-rules which means that you need to present a negative up-to-date test result (POC antigen test: no older than 24 hours, PCR test: no older than 48 hours) in order to participate, irrespective of whether you are fully vaccinated or fully recovered. The rule also applies for all students who have had their third vaccination (“booster shot”).** Your lecturers will make sure that you fulfill the requirements to participate in class.

All arts instruction as well as project work or practical work on final projects in labs are allowed to take place under abidance by the hygienic rules and regulations as described.

Testing centers

In order to find testing centers in Osnabrück, please see:

<https://geo.osnabrueck.de/corona/?i=kategorien> . For testing centers in Lingen, please see: www.lingen.de/politik-rathaus-service/corona/testzentren/testzentren.html .

Buildings Closed until Further Notice

All university buildings are closed to the public. Should you need to participate in any lab classes or project work, your supervisors and lecturers will let you in. The great hall in Lingen can be accessed with your campus card.

Exams

Just as planned, all exams will take place **on campus under 3G+ rules**. This means that all students must present a negative up-to-date test result (POC antigen test: no older than 24 hours, PCR test: no older than 48 hours) in order to participate, irrespective of whether you are fully vaccinated or fully recovered. The rule also applies for all students who have had their third vaccination (“booster shot”). **In addition, you will need to wear an FFP2 mask.** The time allowed for exams will be extended by 10 minutes per hour (e.g. an exam of two hours will be extended to two hours and 20 minutes).

We ask you to continue to act responsibly in the current situation. Please take good care of each other and avoid any unnecessary contacts.

Whether we can continue to offer classes and exams mainly depends on how we all act now. As a university, we depend on rules that the state government makes. Should

there be a larger outbreak of the virus within the university, we may not be able to offer exams and we do not have the capacity to offer all exams online.

Remainder: Please upload your 3G status under <https://core.hs-osnabrueck.de/verification> if you haven't already done so.

Student Restaurants

The student restaurants in Osnabrück and Lingen are open. Especially in Lingen, where some exams already start on January 10th, the Studentenwerk invites you to have lunch at the Mensa.

If you have questions, comments or advice that is helpful for all of us, please send an email to kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de .

Our colleagues in the University Communications Department will forward them to the persons in charge.

With our best regards
Your University Steering Committee