

## Informations on emergency on-site operations regarding Teaching and Studies - Uni-list

Dear students, dear colleagues,

as you have learned from the message from our President, the University of Potsdam will also enter emergency on-site operations from Tuesday until further notice. We will update the FAQ (<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/corona>) as soon as possible. Please check the [FAQ page](#) at regular intervals and consult it first if you have specific questions.

For the time being, however, I can give you the following new information:

### On-site examinations

For the examinations, emergency on-site operations mean that from Tuesday, March 24, 2020 on, no more written examinations may take place. Timely alternative dates will be offered as soon as this becomes possible again. It is not permissible to refer students to examination dates in subsequent semesters. In the case of oral examinations, which are still to be held with mutual agreement, examiners are required to find individual solutions, in particular to consider the use of alternative communication channels. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact [corona-studium@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:corona-studium@uni-potsdam.de).

### On-site teaching

The start of on-site teaching is currently postponed to April 20, 2020. Due to the dynamic development of the situation and as a result of the implementation of new forms of teaching, the planning of courses for the summer semester is currently still subject to change. In order to be able to present the most reliable range of courses possible, a decision on a planned change in the deadlines for registration will soon be made and information will then be provided immediately on the relevant websites.

### Enrollment

Enrollments for the summer semester will be processed and, if not already done, also carried out.

### Application for Master's programs for the winter semester 2020/21

The application portal for Master's programs is scheduled to open on April 1, 2020. If corona-related decisions have to be made regarding changes of deadlines or the format of documentation, these will be published on the relevant pages. Please be assured that we will continuously follow the developments and find appropriate solutions.

### Communication with the student and examination administration

The introduction of the emergency on-site operations also changes the accessibility and working methods of the student and examination administration as well as of advisory services. However, you

can still contact them, albeit through other channels where necessary. The quickest way to find information is to consult the [FAQ](#). Thank you for your patience and understanding whenever processes still need to be adapted. I can assure you that everyone is ready to give their best.

### **What happens next?**

We are currently going through a surreal time, but one that nevertheless holds a great deal of reality. My wish for you and all of us is that we remain calm and make informed decisions. A large number of our teaching staff is already working on models to ensure that teaching in the summer semester can continue. New online concepts are being developed, so that studying can continue in many areas. Regular exchanges take place in cooperation with all faculties in order to be able to make the right decisions according to developments. Please be patient with us and be sure that we are working under great pressure to quickly achieve very good results. It is in our interest that you, dear students, are not delayed in your studies. As you have already noticed in the last few days, we have done everything we can to ensure accommodating regulations. This will continue to be the guiding principle of our way of thinking and acting. To do this, we need the support of the entire university: of students, teachers and the administration. Each and every one of us must contribute their part to ensuring that the entire system is successful, even with dynamic rules.

In the years that I have served as Vice-President for Teaching and Studies at the UP, I have been able to witness an intense and ever-growing interest in good teaching across all faculties. It is also due in no small part to this character that our university has been granted system accreditation, which was even renewed without conditions in 2019. This means that we are well positioned for the current turmoil. I am sure that teaching staff, students, administration and also my team are motivated to develop goal-oriented solutions together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your understanding; in particular, I would like to thank the IT department, the eLearning experts and the Student Affairs Division for their support and, of course, all teachers and students for their courage and trust in this uncertain time for all of us.

Please observe and take to heart all the required measures of respectfulness towards others and also the restrictions that come with it! It must be our goal to return to normal as soon as possible. This can only be achieved by mutual consideration and a high degree of understanding.

I wish you all good health.

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