

On-site attendance – Uni-list-e-mail from Prof. Andreas Musil, 25 May 2021

Dear Sir or Madam, dear students, dear colleagues,

As we did around the same time last year, we are now able to announce the easing of restrictions that many of you have already inquired about. The current version of the [seventh SARS-CoV-2 Containment Ordinance](#) (EindV) allows for educational institutions to offer courses with **up to 15 participants** (Section 19(1) EindV). However – and this is an essential change to the present procedure – this opening is coupled with a **test obligation** which will be subject to controls (Section 19(2) No. 2 EindV). Rapid tests close to your place of residence offered through the citizen testing services are to be utilized.

Even though on-site teaching is now possible again to a greater extent, courses that started online should also be completed online. Limiting factors are, on the one hand, that regular teaching operations cannot be implemented logistically due to the “Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air.” rules that are still in effect. On the other hand, some students do not currently live in the region and are unable to move here immediately.

That is why we ask you, the teaching staff, to only implement the openings that are now possible after consultation with the students in your courses and also to consider scenarios in which some of the students are on site and others can follow the instruction (a-)synchronously. If you intend to switch from online to on-site teaching, you will need to obtain **approval from the university management**. To do so, please send a short informal request to bvk@uni-potsdam.de. The approval is not only subject to the didactic necessity but also to the available room capacities. You can find information on the capacities of individual rooms at [this link](#). We also assume that the relevant offices of the faculties will be consulted in order to deal with capacity issues and organizational matters. In the case of new courses to be held on-site (e.g. courses taking place en bloc), prior consultation with the offices of the deans (of studies) and the offices in charge of planning at the faculty is also necessary. In any case, priority is given to examinations and such formats that absolutely require on-site attendance.

As far as the **examinations of the summer semester** are concerned, I would already like to announce that examinations which have to take place on site for didactic reasons will also be carried out in this way. At the same time, we ask all colleagues who can conduct examinations in digital formats to also offer them digitally. Legal certainty is ensured, and technical standards have also been raised significantly following the experiences gained during the winter semester.

Rules regarding the possibility to withdraw from examinations up to the beginning of the examination as well as the possibility to submit final theses electronically to the Examination Office have been extended until September 30, 2021. As usual, you can find further up-to-date information on teaching and studies on the [FAQ pages](#).

We would like to point out that teaching staff members must of course still be reachable, also and

especially in these times of restricted direct contact. Students depend on receiving reliable and timely responses at fixed times or through clearly agreed-upon electronic channels.

I hope you will all have a summer semester that continues to inspire optimism.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Andreas Musil

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