



## Changes and outlook – Uni-list-e-mail from Prof. Andreas Musil, 4 June 2021

Dear Sir or Madam, dear students, dear colleagues,

I would like to inform you very briefly that the following changes will take effect at the University of Potsdam as a result of the [Ninth Ordinance](#) amending the [Seventh SARS-CoV-2 Containment Ordinance](#):

**The limitation to 15 participants no longer applies.** Up to a number of 200 participants, the capacities in seminar rooms and lecture halls, which were compiled in 2020 in compliance with the distance regulations, will be applicable again. You can find them [here](#) on the intranet.

The **obligation to get tested still applies** across the board, even for examinations, and must be subject to thorough checks – with the exception of on-site courses in sports practice. Individuals who can document that they have recovered from COVID-19 or who are fully vaccinated are not required to get tested.

Our motto with regard to **planning the winter semester**: *On-site attendance, wherever possible*. I would therefore ask all students and teaching staff members to assume that on-site teaching will be offered with high priority when preparing for the upcoming semester. Digital teaching ought to remain an option if the didactic context calls for it or if limited space is still an issue.

When it comes to on-site teaching, it is important to make sure that courses for first-semester students are given priority. The same also applies to our international students as well as second and third semester students, who regrettably only had very few opportunities, if any, to experience the university from the inside.

Dear students, please proceed on the assumption that you will spend the majority of your time studying on campus in Potsdam again, no later than by the beginning of the winter semester. It will therefore be worthwhile to take up **residence in our region (again)**.

As usual, we will keep you informed of the upcoming changes as soon as possible. In doing so, we are guided by the goal of finding reliable solutions for the university as a whole, which simultaneously facilitate direct exchange, while also keeping the individual subject-specific cultures in mind.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Andreas Musil  
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