

Challenges of the winter semester – Employees-list-mail from Prof. Andreas Musil, 8 July 2021

Dear Sir or Madam, dear students, dear colleagues,

Following the <u>resolution passed by the Conference of Minister-Presidents on August 10</u>(item 2 on the agenda), a <u>press release</u> was published by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), in which it appeals to all university students and employees to get vaccinated. The reason behind this is that access to on-site teaching at institutions of higher education will only be guaranteed in the foreseeable future if proof of vaccination, testing, or recovery from COVID-19 can be provided (also called 3G or GGG status in German for "geimpft, getestet oder genesen"). **There is still time to get fully vaccinated before the beginning of the instructional period.** However, since this will take at least six weeks, we also want to urge you to get vaccinated as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

Developments over the last few days have shown how important this is. Potsdam is now on its fifth day with an incidence of more than 20. Therefore, as of today, mandatory GGG documentation (vaccinated, tested, or recovered status) in accordance with <u>Section 23 subsection 2 of the</u> <u>"Umgangsverordnung"</u> will once again be necessary for entry to seminar rooms and lecture halls.

I would like to remind you of my e-mail of June 11 concerning arrangements for the winter semester. The framework conditions I described there still apply: On-site teaching should and can be the rule, digital teaching serves as a supplement and as a fallback option for larger courses and in case of space limitations. In addition, it can also be used to its full extent if suitable didactic concepts are in place.

I hope that you continue to have a successful and pleasant semester break.

Sincerely, Prof. Dr. Andreas Musil Vice President for Teaching and Studies