

Examination period and outlook for the summer semester – Uni-list-Mail from Prof. Andreas Musil, 4 February 2022

Dear Sir or Madam, dear students, dear colleagues,

I am pleased to start this first email of 2022 with some positive news: The Pandemic Ordinance for Higher Education will also be issued by the state of Brandenburg for the current winter semester. This means that you, dear students, will continue to benefit from an individual standard period of study.

In addition, final theses with a deadline up to and including March 31, 2022 can be submitted as a PDF file via e-mail to pruefungsamt@uni-potsdam.de (as an attachment or with a link to the uploaded document in Box.UP) instead of handing in three bound copies. As soon as it becomes possible again, you will have to hand in a printed copy in order to ensure that the five-year obligation to preserve records can be complied with.

Despite the difficult current COVID situation, the UP's 2G regulations, including the validation card, have had a very good start, so that, as things stand today, we will continue to plan on this basis for the future. However, please understand that adjustments may have to be made due to unforeseeable developments. If legal framework conditions permit, the organization of the 2022 summer semester should be reminiscent of earlier times; specifically, this means:

a. **On-site teaching is the norm.**

However, since many positive experiences have also been made with digital teaching during the past semesters and innovative teaching scenarios have emerged, the aim is to continue to take advantage of this added value. Therefore, if there are didactic reasons to do so, face-to-face teaching can be supplemented with or replaced by digital teaching. In this context, please take note of the information on the different [types of e-learning courses](#).

b. The full **capacity of lecture halls and seminar rooms** can be used.

c. The **2G status requirement** (only vaccinated or recovered participants) continues to apply.

It is still possible to enter buildings without having a 2G status. The same applies to pick-up areas in the libraries as well as lobbies, foyers, and vestibules (e.g. to validate your PUCK). The 2G status is required, however, to enter lecture halls, seminar and other teaching rooms, libraries, computer pools, and self-study areas. Validation of your 2G documentation (see [FAQ pages](#)) can still be carried out by the gatekeepers.

d. **Exceptions to 2G** are in place for practical courses (usually this concerns practical courses in music, art, and sports as well as practical laboratory courses and obligatory excursions) and examinations.

e. In all other courses where some participants may not meet the 2G status requirements, **suitable alternative offers** must be provided for these students. Since this is dependent on the teaching structure and content, we ask for individual arrangements to be made. At the same time, we expect that these cases will only occur very rarely, given an assumed vaccination rate of > 90% at higher education institutions.

f. The mandatory wearing of an FFP2 or medical mask is not abolished by the 2G rule. When masks are mandatory, we recommend you **wear an FFP2 mask**.

We are also retaining the tried and proven procedures for the **examination period** that is about to begin: The setting of the exam – digital or face-to-face – is at the discretion of the examiners, as it is important that the format fits the competences taught in the courses. Information on how the exams will be held will be announced in good time via PULS. In addition, the legal framework specified in Section 8a BAMA(LA)-O applies to digital examinations.

We recommend you make arrangements for face-to-face examinations that allow for enough distance between participants. Masks are required in any case. However, please keep in mind that you should only attend face-to-face exams if you are symptom-free. It is still possible to withdraw from the examination right until the start of the examination without it being graded as “failed”.

To conclude, I would like to express my hope for a swift return to normal by drawing your attention to the **2022 Day of Teaching**, which will take place on May 4, 2022, and will focus on the [Mission Statement for Teaching and Learning](#). You can submit your proposals for workshops or inputs by February 28, 2022 via lehre.medien@uni-potsdam.de. I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible back in person.

Kind regards,

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