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- 1. Letter of the rectorate: Lectures with physical presence starting 14 June**

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Dear lecturers, dear students,

As the Corona situation is fortunately gradually improving - as evidenced, among other things, by falling incidence rates and an increasing vaccination rate - the state of North Rhine-Westphalia has extended the scope for lecture hall and classroom teaching. The new regulations can be found

- in the version of the "Corona Protection Ordinance" taking effect 05 June and
- the "General Ordinance on Higher Education Institutions" dated 02 June.

(Both documents can be accessed via the web page of the state Ministry of Health, Work and Social Affairs (MAGS) at <https://www.mags.nrw/coronavirus-rechtlicheregelungen-nrw>).

The Bergische Universität welcomes this intention in principle because it opens up opportunities for studying and teaching and because, in addition, important signals are sent in the direction of the long-awaited "normalisation" of teaching.

At the same time, it is still necessary to act with reason, caution and foresight, as

- the vast majority of our students have not yet received a vaccination offer,
- the semester is already advanced and
- in general, a change of courses in the ongoing process is associated with logistical and didactic challenges.
- It should also be noted that during the pandemic, many students are pursuing their studies digitally from out of town. Regardless of where students are currently pursuing their studies, they must be able to trust that courses they have started will remain available for them to study until the end of the lecture period.

Taking these aspects into account, courses at our university that were previously offered online can, in principle, be supplemented by a face-to-face course **from Monday 14 June**.

The following criteria are to be observed:

- The courses are offered in a **hybrid** manner in the sense that, in addition to the face-to-face course, a synchronous or asynchronous study offer is also provided which does not require physical presence, or
- there is an offer with **parallel groups**, in which one part of the groups is conducted in presence and another part is still conducted without presence, or
- There are courses in which the participants and their lecturers decide by **mutual agreement** and without exercising any pressure to **move** from the digital space to a presence, face-to-face course.
- The **times** of the courses must not be changed in order to avoid that new overlaps occur in the individual study plans.

In addition, the following regulations apply for practical implementation in addition to the regulations of the above-mentioned legal documents:

- occupied seats in lecture rooms must obey a **minimum distance** of 1,50m
- Every person has to wear a **medical face-covering**, also during lectures and courses
- **Testing is compulsory.** For each course, each participant must be able to prove the negative result of an antigen test that is no more than 24 hours old or a complete immunisation. This will be checked by the lecturers; persons without proof cannot participate in the course. Note that a test centre for so-called citizen tests has started operation in building K on the Griffenberg campus. As an alternative, a supervised self-test can be performed at the beginning of a course provided that sufficient tests can still be made available via the deans' offices or the administration.
- Attendance lists have to be filled for each lecture or class.

Additional information:

- There might be further changes in regulations during the coming weeks. If so, you will be informed in due time.
- Operational details, for example on how to book rooms, will be sent to the lecturers in a separately.
- Students can still book learning places at the university. The link to the Moodle course where the learning places can be booked is: <https://moodle.uni-wuppertal.de/course/view.php?id=25335#>

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2. Oral examinations with physical presence starting 07 June

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On the basis of the „General Ordinance on Higher Education Institutions" dated 02 June , oral examinations can again be conducted in physical presence under the following conditions: Every

participant, candidate and examiner has to provide a negative test result, a medical face-covering must be worn even during the examination, the minimal distance of 1.50m must be obeyed before, during and after the examination. Any further sanitary regulations as described in the legal documents must also be obeyed.

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3. Links/contact collection

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Current action on Covid-19: <https://www.uni-wuppertal.de/de/universitaet/coronavirus/>

General FAQs on Uni@Home: www.uni-wuppertal.de/studium

Information from ZIM: <https://zim.uni-wuppertal.de/>

For students:

Contact form of the quality representatives: <https://uni-w.de/xt50v>

Suggestions and proposals: sose2020-corona@uni-wuppertal.de

General student counselling: <https://www.zsb.uni-wuppertal.de/de/beratung/studium2020.html>

For teachers:

Information from the BU:NDLE network: <https://www.bundle.uni-wuppertal.de/>

Requests for distance teaching: e-teaching@uni-wuppertal.de

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