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1. Opening of the course catalogue

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The course catalogue for the winter semester 2022/23 is accessible in StudiLöwe as of today (22.08.2022):

<https://studiloewe.uni-wuppertal.de/qisserver/pages/cm/exa/coursecatalog/showCourseCatalog.xhtml? flowId=showCourseCatalog-flow>

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2. Road to Moodle 4: Synchronisation of StudiLöwe and Moodle

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On 01.09.2022 the Moodle Learning Management System of BUW will be changed. You will then be able to access Moodle in an updated version (3.11) under the familiar URL <https://moodle.uni-wuppertal.de>.

A new feature is the synchronisation of courses with StudiLöwe. Courses that are considered "semester-dependent" (the rule) are automatically created in the Moodle system when they

are entered in StudiLöwe - initially invisible to users - and deleted again after four semesters. The introduction simplifies and speeds up the creation and retrieval of Moodle courses considerably.

In exceptional cases and for certain course categories, ZIM supports the creation of individual courses in the semester-independent area after individual review; the deletion periods do not apply there.

In a transitional phase from 01.09.22 to 30.09.22, the "old" system can continue to be used as usual. However, the creation of new courses etc. is no longer possible.

In order to comprehensively accompany the changeover, ZIM provides you with a range of support services:

- ZIM blog: Category "Road to Moodle 4" <https://zimblog.uni-wuppertal.de/thema/moodle/road-to-moodle-4/>
- There is also a special FAQ section with information on migrating course content.
- Support: ZIM user advisory service: zimer@uni-wuppertal.de and weekly Moodle consultation hour (Wed, 11:45 a.m.-12:15p.m.).

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3. New application in ZOOM: Integrated Whiteboard

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Until now, Zoom meetings had to link to an external board. From now on, the "Zoom Whiteboard" can be accessed directly in the video conference.

The new whiteboard functionality makes it possible not only to create whiteboards to accompany meetings or events, but also to create and prepare them in advance, independently of an event, to edit them afterwards and, of course, to share them.

Please note that the whiteboard is not available for end-to-end encrypted meetings.

Help for use and integration can be found here:

<https://zimblog.uni-wuppertal.de/2022/tipps-tricks-in-zoom-digitales-whiteboard/>

4. Teaching in WS 22/23

The state of NRW is currently preparing to extend the Corona Epidemic University Ordinance until the end of the winter semester 22/23. This will presumably allow exemptions for teaching and examinations similar to those in previous semesters.

The university management currently assumes that the winter semester 22/23 can start as a full attendance semester. More detailed information will be provided in mid-September.

5. Transition

From 01.09.2022, Professor Buch will take over as the new Vice-Rector for Studies and Teaching. Along with my best wishes to my successor, I would like to thank you all for your interest and commitment to studies and teaching in good times as well as in more difficult times.

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