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1. Classes in the winter semester 2022/23

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The current [Corona Epidemic University Ordinance \(Corona-Epidemie-Hochschulverordnung\)](#) will be continued for the winter semester 2022/23, meaning that – as in the summer semester 2022 – the university will generally offer on-campus classes. Online classes will be allowed only in exceptional cases and if reasons are given. This applies particularly against the background of the current guidelines of the infection protection act. The university will react in an appropriate manner to and inform you about any changes if necessary.

The Rectorate therefore asks all members of the teaching staff and all students to be prepared for teaching and learning under similar framework conditions as we had last semester:

- a) On-campus classes will be the rule. In general, there will be no maximum number of participants and no limit to the occupancy rate of the seats in the room.
- b) Lecturers are strongly requested to bear in mind the increased probability that students might not be able to participate in all sessions (due to illness or quarantine) when planning their classes and to support students in an appropriate way to catch up the content of the sessions and to prepare for exams.
- c) Everyone must act in a responsible way to protect themselves and others. Along with the AStA, the Rectorate appeals to all participants of lectures and seminars as well as visitors to the University's organisational units:

- Face coverings are an important tool to prevent a transmission of infection. Please follow the strong recommendation to wear at least a medical mask voluntarily in all buildings of the University and during all classes.
- Please do not come to university in case you have first symptoms of a cold because these symptoms can be a strong indication of a COVID-19-disease and infected people can be infectious even before a rapid antigen test can detect a SARS-CoV-2 infection.

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2. Road to Moodle 4: Improvements

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The direct link to the courses on Moodle will be indicated in the course catalogue now. The synchronization of StudiLöwe and Moodle will be continuously improved. The following steps are on the agenda for the summer semester 2023:

- Course sections on Moodle will be arranged by the schools. There will be no structure by organisational unit as in StudiLöwe.

- If the name of the responsible lecturer is removed from the system, Moodle deletes the name as well.
- Preparation of the automated transfer of students already registered for a course in StudiLöwe to the corresponding Moodle course.

The Center for Information and Media Processing (ZIM) provides you with a number of support services in order to accompany the changeover comprehensively:

- ZIM-Blog: Category "Road to Moodle 4" <https://zimblog.uni-wuppertal.de/thema/moodle/road-to-moodle-4/> (including an FAQ section)
- Support: The ZIM's user counselling: zumber@uni-wuppertal.de and a consulting hour taking place weekly (Wednesday, 11:45 am -12:15 am).

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3. Welcome Week

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The Welcome Week for freshmen starts on 10 October at 9 a.m. with an official welcome by the Vice-President within the festive opening ceremony at the university hall. Information on this and all other events of the Welcome Week can be found here (in German available only): <https://www.zsb.uni-wuppertal.de/de/studienstart/welcomeweek/>

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4. StudiLöwe: Room search

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In which room does the course take place?

As part of the central room planning, the lecture halls are reallocated each semester in order to ensure an optimal use of the scarce room resources. The course catalogue StudiLöwe provides information on allocated rooms for members of the teaching staff and students, available from the day of publication of the course catalogue for the following semester.

- How to proceed if you are a teacher: After you logged into StudiLöwe, you change your role to "teacher", please go to the index "Lehrorganisation" (teaching organisation) -> "Meine Veranstaltungen und Prüfungen" ("My courses and examinations") -> Semester auswählen (please select the right semester) -> Details der Veranstaltung „Blatt mit Lupe“ (to get to the course details, please click on the symbol of the magnifying glass on the right-hand side) -> in the index "Parallelgruppen/Termine" ("parallel classes") rooms reserved for your course are displayed.
- How to proceed if you are a student: After you logged into StudiLöwe you can e.g. go to the index "Mein Studium" (my studies) -> "Stundenplan" (timetable) -> marked courses are indicated in the calendar including room details.

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5. Day of studies: Save the Date

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This year the day of studies will take place on 16 November. Lecturers and students have the opportunity to discuss about the quality of study and teaching. Further information on the programme will follow shortly.

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6. Web portal ORCA.nrw

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As from now all Open Educational Resources (OER) which were created as part of digitization

projects or on one's own initiative can be uploaded on the web portal ORCA.nrw. These materials are checked with regard to technical and licensing criteria. The access is activated afterwards, so the OER materials are visible on ORCA.nrw and further portals which are connected to the joint search index OERSI. <https://ORCA.nrw> offers comprehensive information on the upload process.

If you have any questions, you may contact the ORCA network unit at the campus (<https://orca.uni-wuppertal.de>).

All lecturers are invited to use the web portal's offer and actively enter into an exchange with colleagues throughout North-Rhine Westphalia.

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