



Information on the beginning of the WS 2020/21 for USB students

Dear students,

The winter semester 2020/21 will begin on September 29, 2020, according to the current timetable of the academic year. The USB is aiming at preserving educational activities to the utmost extent possible while respecting relevant standards including preserving in-person instruction forms.

Nevertheless, the currently valid restrictions/decrees and other recommendation concerning the prevention of the spread of Covid-19 need to be respected:

- Movement and stay without protective equipment for the respiratory tract (nose, mouth) such as the respirator, mask, surgical mask, scarf, shawl or other means of protection that prevent the spread of droplets in indoor premises of the USB, including premises of instruction, are forbidden. The ban does not apply to students and academic staff in the context of educational activity, the character of which does not allow for the wearing of protective equipment.
- It is recommended to execute mass educational activities of the lecture character while maintaining a distance of 2 metres between individual persons. Students will consider their participation in a lecture should the capacity of the lecture room not allow the application of this recommendation. In such a case, the lecturer will ensure that there is an audio recording of the lecture that will be available to the students as study material for the subject and accessible through LMS Moodle or MS Teams.
- The instruction of the character of a seminar or training will take place in the standard way (while respecting the abovementioned regulation).

General principles for implementing instruction in a substitute way

- In the case that it is not possible or (permitted) to implement instruction in the usual (in-person) way due to objective reasons, the educator is responsible for finding an alternative way of instruction.
- In the case of a transfer to a substitute way of instruction, the educator informs students about the substitute way of instruction in writing at once (via an email sent to the university address) and updates relevant requirements for students.
- The university systems as LMS Moodle (e-learning) and MS Teams are designated for the realisation of distance education. Educators should not burden students with other systems for the support of instruction if the instruction can be ensured using the abovementioned systems and if there is not a compelling reason related to the nature of the subject studied. It is necessary to ensure that undue overwhelming of students by technological demands of multiple parallelly studied subjects does not occur.
- The timetable of the substitute way of instruction should correspond with the standard timetable of instruction unless there is an objective reason for a change. In any case, it is necessary to exclude colliding timetable requirements for students.



- Relevant provisions of the Study and Examination Regulations of the USB apply to the educational activity executed in the substitute way. Considering that it was possible to prepare better for the situation in WS 2020/21, please do expect to have the standard rights and duties albeit the instruction is executed under extraordinary circumstances. The Vice-Dean for Student Affairs is authorised to perform the explanation and application of the SER USB provisions in the non-standard situation after a possible consultation with the Vice-Rector for Student Affairs.

In the case that the circumstances change, along with the binding regulations that the USB must follow, we will inform you again.
We wish you a successful entry into your studies in the new academic year.

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