

Dear colleagues, dear students,

The lecture period of this winter semester is nearing its end and the examination period is before us. Regarding the examinations in January and February, we would like to provide you the following updated information.

Digital Examinations:

The infection rate in the community continues to be concerning and the measures to address the rate of infection have been strengthened again. The request and recommendation made to the examiners at the beginning of the semester is all the more urgent: **Please conduct examinations using digital formats whenever possible and avoid in-person examinations.** In view of the concerning circumstances, to give the examiners the opportunity to shift to digital examination formats, **we will open our Exams platform from 11 - 17 January 2021** so digital examination rooms can be registered. More information will be provided by the BL-team on Monday (11 January).

Please note that students must be informed about the examination format with explanations by the examiners at least three weeks before the examination date (see §2 of the Special Regulations to the APO). Accordingly, digital examinations that are registered in the coming week can be conducted in the period between 8 - 26 February 2021, at the earliest.

In-person Examinations:

According to §17 of the 11th Bavarian regulation on infection prevention and control measures currently in effect, in-person examinations may be conducted under strict hygiene regulations. If you, in your role as examiner, cannot shift to the preferred option of digital examination formats, please adhere absolutely to the information that has been sent regarding conducting in-person examinations (*Hinweise zur Durchführung von Präsenzprüfungen*). In line with the continuing severe infection rate, a new rule is that **masks must be worn during the entire examination, including while seated.** We recommend using FFP2 masks.

Please understand that it is strictly prohibited to form or gather in groups on campus both before and after examinations. The security service will disperse groups, if necessary.

Participation:

Students' participation in examinations is of a voluntary nature. If students are required to resit an examination according to §21 (1)-(3) APO in winter semester 2020/21 or required to sit an exam for the first time according to §8 RaPO, these **deadlines have been officially extended to the end of the summer semester 2021** (see §4 of the Special Regulations to the APO). This regulation does not apply to theses. If you are faced with obstacles, for example because libraries are closed, while writing your thesis, please contact your examination board.

If students need confirmation of an in-person examination or examinations in Nuremberg for the purpose of **transit to/from the examination location or for accommodations**, such confirmations will be available for download as of next week in the StudyOhm portal.

If there are changes to the legal constraints that affect conducting examinations, we will inform you promptly. Current information is available on our website:

<https://www.th-nuernberg.de/en/study-career/important-information-about-starting-at-university/important-information-about-studying-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

The examination period calls for a lot of discipline and judgement from us all. Let's all work together to find the right balance between protecting our health and managing a productive exam period.

Kind regards,

The University Management

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