

16 March 2020

Current Information about Educational Operations for Students

Dear students,

As you are already aware, the **start of in-person courses** for the summer semester 2020 has been postponed to 20 April 2020.

The beginning of the **semester** itself remains 15 March 2020. If you enrolled or registered for the summer semester 2020, your student status has been valid from 15 March 2020. Only teaching in the classrooms will commence late on 20 April 2020; digital teaching in the form of online courses as an educational supplement and/or preparation can take place immediately. Each Faculty will have its own offerings, **we kindly ask you to please use the usual channels of communication with your Faculty to find out more about relevant online courses.**

Due to a current ordinance from the Ministry of Science, the **lecture period of the summer semester 2020** may end no later than 7 August 2020; the semester itself ends as usual on 30 September 2020. The lecture period may be shortened by the TH Nürnberg by up to four weeks (i.e. up to 10 July), provided that the curriculum planned for the semester is provided during the lecture period with a correspondingly condensed number of hours or in some other way that takes into account the feasibility of studying each respective curriculum.

At present it is not yet clear to what extent the TH Nürnberg will make use of this possibility to shorten the lecture period. We ask for a little patience in this respect. A uniform university schedule adapted to the changed conditions will be coordinated with the Faculties and student representatives and then published without delay.

Further information about the start of the semester is available on our website at:

<https://www.th-nuernberg.de/studium-karriere/wichtiges-zum-studienstart/wichtige-infos-zur-verschiebung-des-vorlesungsstarts-auf-den-20420/>

By order of the Bavarian Ministry of Science and the Arts, the library is closed to the public from Monday, 16 March 2020 through 19 April 2020. The online services of the library are still available. No reminders will be sent for returns due up to and including 19 April 2020. We are working hard to ensure that books can be borrowed and returned as quickly as possible. More information is currently available in German on the website of our library at

<https://www.th-nuernberg.de/news/3968-bibliothek-bleibt-geschlo/>

In addition, the following **facilities are closed to the public and/or educational operations** with immediate effect:

- Study Office/Student Advisory Service (Availability by phone or e-mail will remain the same. The opening hours of the lecture-free period apply).
- Laboratories
- Workshops
- PC rooms.

For information about the opening hours of the Mensa and Cafeterias, please visit the website of the Studentenwerk Erlangen-Nürnberg.

Persons who are in a contractually regulated employment relationship with the university, e.g. student assistants and tutors, must continue to perform their contractually agreed work. Tutors can, for example, provide increased support in the creation and implementation of digital teaching content. Please contact your immediate superior or supervisor.

If the closures have an impact on deadlines for submitting academic papers such as student research projects, project work, or final theses, please contact the examination board of your degree programme in writing. The examination board will take the special circumstances into account in its decision on deadline extensions in given cases.

Furthermore, we kindly ask you to clarify any **concerns** you may have with the Student Office, your Faculty and your professors, if possible by **telephone** or **email**.

Documents of any kind (applications, certificates, theses) can be scanned and sent directly by email to studienbuero@th-nuernberg.de. Please send documents to the Student Office only from your university email account.

Please check your university email account regularly. The university and your Faculty will keep you informed about current developments through this channel.

All previous information from the TH Nürnberg relating to these topics is available on our website at:

<https://www.th-nuernberg.de/hochschule-region/organisation-und-struktur/coronavirus/>

We ask for your understanding that the above measures are essential to achieve the overall objective of protecting public health by the containment of coronavirus infections. We will continue to support you in successfully continuing your studies even under the current difficult conditions.

Stay healthy!

With best regards,

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