

Teaching framework in winter semester 2021/22

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1. Introduction

After three largely online semesters, the Nuremberg Institute of Technology will begin teaching in winter semester 2021/22 on campus, under infection prevention regulations that are appropriate to the situation and for the university. At the same time, we are called upon to use the digitalization push consequent to the pandemic and establish course offerings and learning opportunities that are as flexible, practical, and that can be used in accordance with varying interests as possible. This may include offering hybrid formats, on-campus lectures with accompanying digital components, or - for specific courses based on technical or subject-based reasons - in only digital formats.

The aim of the teaching framework is to assure the on-campus operations at our university in accord with infection prevention and educational requirements. The framework devises a minimum standard and applies subject to higher-ranking regulations or ordinances of the competent health authorities. The following regulations for educational operations do not establish any conclusive regulations for the area of occupational health and safety. The relevant occupational health and safety rules must be observed.

2. General safety and hygiene regulations

2.1. 3G rule:

To ensure infection prevention and safeguard on campus operations at Nuremberg Tech, the 3G rule applies when the 7-day-incidence exceeds 35 in the area of the Nuremberg administrative authority. Entry to the buildings of the Technische Hochschule Nürnberg is restricted to individuals who are vaccinated, recovered, or tested (the 3G's: *geimpft*, *genesen*, *getestet*). Exceptions to the 3G rule apply in particular for

- examinations (including all exam components) and
- professional activities or voluntary public service required for university operations or conducting courses, lectures, or other educational activities.

2.2. Testing

According to the current, valid infection prevention regulations in Bavaria, written or electronic documentation of a negative test result for infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus must be provided of

- a PCR test, PoC-PCR test, or a test based on other methods of nucleic acid amplification that was conducted no more than 48 hours or less before the time the document is presented, or
- a PoC antigen test that was conducted no more than 24 hours or less before the time the document is presented.

2.2.1. Organization

Tests conducted with the following methods are acceptable:

- **PCR tests** can be carried out as part of the “everyman testing” of the Bavarian testing programme in local test centers. The test center will provide test result documentation that can be presented before taking part in any event that requires a test.
- **Rapid antigen tests** for professional use (“Schnelltests”) must be carried out or supervised by medical professionals or persons trained for this purpose. These tests are generally available at local test centers, doctor’s offices, dental practices, pharmacies, medical laboratories, rescue and aid organizations, and testing centers commissioned by the public health service (according to §2 (7c) *SchAusnahmV*).

Until 10 October 2021 students can be tested free-of-cost within the framework of the citizen’s tests programme (§4 TestV) in local test centers and by private providers of rapid antigen tests.

After the free, citizen’s tests programme ends, Nuremberg Tech students can receive free tests at the following two testing locations until 30 November 2021:

Corona Test Center at the Nuremberg Airport, Flughafenstraße 100, 90411 Nuremberg

TZN, Testzentrum Nürnberg, Färberstraße 45, 90402 Nuremberg.

You can find more information about this at: [LINK](#).

2.2.2. Exception for vaccinated and recovered individuals

Vaccinated or recovered individuals may present proof of vaccination or recovered status as defined by the *SchAusnahmV* as an alternative to test documentation before taking part in any event that is subject to 3G rule.

2.3. Verification of required (3G) documentation

To verify the 3G rule controls will be conducted at the Technische Hochschule Nürnberg, which may be conducted randomly. To do this, the Technische Hochschule Nürnberg Georg Simon Ohm may contract third-parties, who may exercise property rights and in particular may prohibit entry to the premises within the framework of this contracting. Furthermore, the following people are authorized to control 3G-relevant documentation: officially acting faculty members within the premises used by them, the heads of central services and facilities within the area of their respective unit, and the staff of the Facilities Management department within their areas of responsibility.

Within the scope of the control, it is sufficient that the university or the persons authorized by the university conduct an inspection of the presented documentation with a subsequent plausibility check. If there is any doubt about the identity of the person concerned, they must prove their identity by means of official identification documents so that personal identity can also be checked.

2.4. Mask requirement

It is required to wear medical face masks in buildings and closed rooms. The requirement to wear a mask does **not** apply, in particular:

- to individuals who are seated or standing at a certain place or in workspaces, if a physical distance of 1.5 metres to other individuals, who do not belong to the same household, can be maintained; this applies, for example, to lecturers.
- for other compelling reasons: these may result, in particular, from practical, didactic or university organizational teaching requirements, or other university operations, particularly with regard to practical courses and related areas, situations, and activities; also in particular, neither the minimum physical distance nor the mask requirement must be observed, if this would lead to an impairment of artistic activity or performance or is incompatible with such activity or performance.

Exempt from the mask requirement:

- People who can credibly demonstrate that wearing a mask is not possible or unreasonable for them due to disability or for health reasons are exempt from the mask requirement. Such credible demonstration must be made immediately on the spot by presenting an original, written medical certificate, which must contain the full name of the person concerned, their date of birth, and specific information as to why they are exempt from the mask requirement.

2.5. Prohibition of entry and participation

Generally, people who:

- present typical symptoms of an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (typical symptoms of a SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection are shortness of breath, new-onset cough, fever, and loss of smell or taste),
- are subject to a quarantine measure, or
- have a confirmed, current infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus

may not participate in on-campus university operations nor enter the university premises (buildings and other closed rooms). Individuals who develop typical symptoms of an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus during their visit to the university, must leave the university rooms immediately and inform the university.

3. General protective measures

3.1. Ventilation concept for classrooms

Classrooms with natural ventilation must be thoroughly aired after 20 minutes at the latest, but can be continually aired, if this does not cause disturbing noise levels. Instructors will ensure and control the ventilation of the classrooms before and during lectures/courses. Rooms that are mechanically ventilated are appropriately designated. The windows and doors in these rooms remain closed.

3.2. Collection of contact information

To prevent infection it is still important to ascertain which individuals have been in a room together at the same time. To accomplish this, students, instructors, and other contributors must scan a QR code with a mobile apparatus and register the locations and times they were present in-person at: <https://virtuohm.ohmportal.de/corona>. Along with the contact information, a commitment to comply with the 3G rule is required in VirtuOhm.

4. On campus lectures and courses

Physical distancing requirements in lectures and courses are suspended, if medical face masks are worn. The previous occupancy limits no longer apply in this case. The minimum physical distancing of 1.5 metres is no longer required in on campus lectures and courses. As the 3G rule applies to lectures and courses and there is a mask requirement when seated or at a workstation, there is no set maximum occupancy. In buildings and closed rooms on the university campus, there is a general mask requirement. A so-called OP mask is sufficient. It is no longer required to wear an FFP2 mask.

5. Use of the PC rooms

Information and instructions about the use of the PC rooms under the current hygiene measures are available at https://intern.ohmportal.de/fileadmin/Rechenzentrum/PC-Labor/Hygiene-konzept_PC-Labore.pdf

6. Using the university library

Information and instructions about the use of the library under the current hygiene measures are available at <https://www.th-nuernberg.de/einrichtungen-gesamt/zentrale-einrichtungen/bibliothek/informationen-zur-bibliothek/informationen-zu-den-serviceleistungen-der-bibliothek-waehrend-der-covid-19-einschraenkungen/>

7. Responsibilities

All university members are responsible for ensuring compliance with the infection prevention regulations and provisions within the areas of their of responsibility. This applies in particular to

supervisors, meeting leaders, examiners, and faculty and instructors. It includes the responsibility to appropriately inform the people that fall within their area of responsibility of the current rules and regulations for infection prevention.

8. Entry into force

This framework came into force on 23 September 2021.