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Information on in-person classes in Winter Semester 2020/21

Dear Universität Hamburg Students,

The COVID-19 pandemic remains challenging and creates uncertainty for our daily university lives and academic pursuits. Rest assured that all administrative and teaching staff at Universität Hamburg are doing their utmost to find solutions and lend you the greatest possible support. In Winter Semester 2020/21, we aim to make in-person classes possible in accordance with coronavirus-specific hygiene rules in lecture halls, seminar rooms, and laboratories. Intense preparations for this have been underway for months. To reduce the risk of infection with COVID-19 as far as possible for everyone present, there are several rules of conduct and protective and hygiene measures that you must comply with:

- If you have a COVID-19 infection, suspect you have COVID-19 (i.e., you are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test), or have acute respiratory symptoms or fever, you may not enter University grounds.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or catch COVID-19 within 14 days of a visit to the University, immediately contact the University’s COVID-19 hotline (+49 40 42838-1584) or email us at arbeitssicherheit@uni-hamburg.de.
- Explain to the University’s COVID-19 hotline operator or in your email which part or parts of the University you visited and with whom you had contact. Your information will be forwarded immediately to the academic offices and, if necessary, to other people you contacted or areas you entered for the purpose of contact tracing. Your data will be rendered anonymous.
- To attend an in-person class, you are required by law to register. Thus, you must enter your contact details (including student ID number and telephone number) in the attendance sheet provided. Alternatively, a QR code may be used to record your contact
details. For further information, see our web page: https://www.rrz.uni-hamburg.de/intake.

- If you do not provide contact details in full, you may not attend the class.
- Ensure you vacate the room for cleaning at noon, which means you must leave immediately after the class ends.
- You must observe the following protective measures in all University buildings:
  - You may only visit buildings to:
    - attend classes and meetings (lectures, seminars, lab work or internships, committee sessions, etc.)
    - attend appointments (e.g., advising)
    - visit libraries, study rooms, museums, etc.
  - You may not loiter in heavily frequented areas or foyers; these are spaces used only to get to and from rooms.
  - You may only use rooms for department student representative committees in accordance with the hygiene rules.
  - You may use workstations and study rooms only if you register in advance via the Conference Management and Lecture Hall Allocation Unit. You will receive registration information shortly in our FAQ (https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/newsroom/intern/2020/0323-justwirkungen-studierende.html).
  - You must maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 meters, including when waiting in line—for example, for elevators or outside lecture halls and classrooms. The 1.5-meter rule applies throughout the entire University.
  - In University buildings, you must wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose.
    - Masks can be removed when you are seated; however, if you cannot maintain a distance of at least 1.5 meters, you must wear your mask.
  - Follow all instructions and requests issued by security staff.

- As a rule, you must comply with the following hygiene rules:
  - Cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow, making sure to cover your mouth and nose.
  - Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds and dry them thoroughly with paper towels when using the restroom. All University lobbies are also equipped with disinfectant dispensers.
  - Do not shake hands or hug others.

The University posts detailed, up-to-date information about University regulations associated with the coronavirus on bulletin boards and in its FAQ on its website.

Regularly check for updates that may be relevant to students: https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/newsroom/intern/2020/0323-justwirkungen-studierende.html.
You can help ensure that in-person classes take place in Winter Semester 2020/21 by taking personal responsibility and ensuring that you observe the protective measures and hygiene rules listed above. We depend on each and every one of you! For this, we thank you.

Despite all of the restrictions and adversity, we wish you a successful winter semester and thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

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