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To all students at Universität Hamburg

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## **New situation at the beginning of the lecture period**

Dear Student,

The development of the COVID-19 pandemic has made it necessary to adopt additional measures in order to slow down the infection dynamic. This includes the drastic reduction of personal contact. As a location visited by thousands of people daily, the University has a particular responsibility in this regard.

Therefore, the in-person courses planned for the winter semester cannot be carried out in that format until further notice. The University management greatly regrets this, especially as teaching and administration staff have worked hard toward creating the required conditions to enable limited in-person teaching in compliance with the relevant restrictions.

Until further notice, the following conditions apply:

- Teaching will generally take place digitally.
- Lab internships may be conducted where specific hygiene and protection measures are implemented. Teaching placements are permitted as long as the internship location has a hygiene and security plan in place that meets the current requirements.
- Sporting activities have been suspended. This applies both to courses and to University Sports activities.
- Field trips and field training cannot take place.
- Rehearsals and events for University Music and theater cannot take place.
- The libraries are remaining open. The University will make a limited number of workstations available for students (find further information on this in the FAQ: <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/newsroom/intern/2020/0131-corona-faq.html>).
- Written examinations that have already been scheduled can be carried out in person.

As usual, the academic offices of the relevant faculties are your first point of contact for any questions concerning your courses (<https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/beratung/weitere-beratungseinrichtungen/studienbueros.html>).

We hope that the measures that we have adopted will contribute to getting the occurrence of infection back down to a manageable rate. As soon as the situation has stabilized, we will happily and responsibly make use of any opportunities that arise to offer in-person teaching. On that note, I wish you a good start to the new semester, despite the adverse conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susanne Rupp', written in a cursive style.

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