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To all students of Universität Hamburg

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## Winter Semester 2021/2022

Dear Students,

Before the Summer Semester 2021 lecture period comes to an end, we would like to inform you about the status of our planning for Winter Semester 2021/2022.

The pandemic situation has eased considerably in the last few weeks. With this development in mind, we anticipate that it may be possible to have in-person teaching at the University for the winter semester.

Nevertheless, despite the confidence about the pandemic's current trajectory, the coming semester will not bring a full return to normality. We are treating it as a "transitional semester," as—at this time—we cannot reliably predict the circumstances under which courses will be carried out in the fall and winter. In the fall, if restrictions remain in place (e.g., maximum number of participants at events/courses, distancing regulations), or if students are required to provide proof of vaccination, recovery, or a valid negative test (in German, known as the 3-G rule), we will have to continue offering courses with large numbers of students exclusively in digital form. Therefore, we are relying on the various subjects at the University to successfully plan a balanced mix of digital and in-person teaching, hybrid formats, or blended learning - formats in order to ensure flexibility and, in particular, to ease the situation for students who cannot yet fully participate in in-person teaching.

We assure you that we are doing all we can to get you off to a good start this coming semester. However, we ask for your patience if things do not go completely smoothly in this transitional semester. Due to the significantly shortened planning phase, you may not be able to find all course details in the online course catalog in August, as would normally be the case. We may also need to make one or two changes to our planning after the general registration period begins on 1 September 2021.

Even we cannot yet say with certainty how many in-person courses will actually take place during the winter semester, we strongly encourage you to come to Hamburg if you are not yet a resident.

On behalf of the Executive University Board, I wish you all a good conclusion to the summer semester, lots of success in your examinations, and plenty of time to rest! After all the stress and restrictions of the last few months, you have earned it. Stay positive—we will too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanne Rupp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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