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To the students of the WWU Münster

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## Information on the current rules at the WWU

Dear Students,

We are writing to you today to respond to the recent publication of the “General Directive for Conducting Courses, Practical Elements and Examinations at Universities in North Rhine-Westphalia” by the NRW Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, and specifically, to concrete measures for holding courses and administering examinations.

In the following, we wish to inform you about how we intend to implement these measures at the University of Münster.

The challenge we face at the WWU is to implement measures which serve to prevent the spread of infection and protect you, while at the same time, take steps which will not impose excessive impediments to your course of study. The goal is to offer you the chance to take postponed or cancelled examinations as soon as possible in the coming semesters.

Due to the temporary nature of the legal framework, the rules we have adopted are currently valid until 31 January 2021. Please bear in mind that different rules may apply to those enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine (FB 05) and state examination programmes.

### **Courses:**

As a rule, digital courses should continue to be offered in the coming weeks. In-person courses are not planned, and the faculties have been instructed to offer their courses in digital formats.

Exceptions can only be made for lab practicals, individual artistic instruction and trial operations insofar as these cannot be offered digitally or postponed without resulting in severe disadvantages to students.

If such an exception applies to one of your courses, you will be contacted by your respective professor or faculty.

### **Lab work conducted as part of a thesis**

Lab activities conducted as part of a thesis or dissertation are among the in-person preparatory measures allowed by exception. Such activities may be carried out in person if interrupting the work would result in a significant delay to your course of study or cause unreasonable hardship. If this should be the case, please contact your supervisor to discuss further steps.

### **Examinations**

Digital examinations should be administered as the rule.

In-person examinations are the exception, and such exceptions are subject to critical assessment and must be documented within the faculties. They are only permissible if, for legal or technical reasons, they cannot be postponed until after 31 January 2021 or if doing so would be unreasonable.

The faculties will inform you as to which examinations are being offered in digital form, which have to be postponed, and which will take place in person. In-person examinations are subject to a stringent hygiene concept and procedural rules. If you are required to take an in-person examination, we strongly urge you to comply with the current provisions of the Coronavirus Protection Regulations and follow the established hygiene rules (i.e. maintain minimum distance and wear a face mask) during your examination, as well as on your way to and from the testing site. Remember to protect yourself and others.

We ask you to stay informed by regularly checking your departmental website as well as the Examinations Office for news on rules and modalities concerning your examinations.

If you are currently in your final semester and urgently need to complete an examination so that you can obtain employment or commence the next phase of your education (e.g. a practical training period (*Vorbereitungsdienst*)), and if postponement would result in a significant delay, please contact your responsible Examinations Office.

With kind regards,

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