



Dear students,

We are writing to you today to inform you in advance about the current plans of the university management for the coming winter semester. In principle, the university management continues to regard face-to-face teaching as preferable to remote learning for the coming winter semester 2021/2022.

The following regulations apply to events during the current lecture-free period (e.g. excursions).

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1 Vaccination recommendation and vaccination campaign

Due to the health and organisational advantages for vaccinated students, the management of DSHS Cologne strongly recommends vaccination to its students and family members. If students who have not yet been vaccinated wish to do so before the semester begins, they can do so **on 11 October 2021** as part of a **vaccination campaign** at DSHS. The vaccines used will be Johnson & Johnson and Biontech. We will provide you with more detailed information well in advance of the vaccination campaign.

*Get
vaccinated!*

2 Information on the organization of teaching

2.1 General Strategy - Attendance Semester 21/22

Taking into account the new Corona Protection Ordinance for NRW (valid from 20.8.2021), the Rectorate envisages a mainly face-to-face semester in the winter semester 21/22:

*Attendance
semester !*



- **Courses in the winter semester 2021/2022 will, on the whole, take place in attendance.**
- Deviating from this principle, **large lectures** will be held **online** throughout the winter semester (i.e. those with > 30 students admitted to the LSF).
- **Small lectures** (up to approx. 30 students admitted to the LSF) will be treated like seminars and tutorials in terms of organization and hygiene, i.e. they will also be held in presence.
- **Shadowing and excursions** can also be held in attendance in winter semester 21/22, as long as they do not violate regulations of the university management or, in the case of external events, the regulations of the respective host institution.
- In the event that **presence is unacceptable** for **individual** students (e.g. in the case of a stay abroad through no fault of their own, students with disabilities/illnesses), the decision on an individual online offer for these students is made by the respective teaching staff (if necessary in consultation with the module representative and the head of the study program). Online courses can only be offered if the learning objectives of the course can also be reached in the alternative online teaching-learning form.

2.2 Verification of being tested, recovered or vaccinated

For attendance of classroom sessions, proof in terms of the „3G“-rule (tested, recovered, vaccinated) is required (i.e. either vaccinated, recovered within a period of six months or tested with lateral flow test within the last 48 hours). Without proof, participation in class is not possible and the respective class session will be evaluated as a missed class. If

for medical reasons neither a vaccination nor a test is possible for you, please contact the Vice-President for Studies, Teaching and Quality Management, Prof. Jens Kleinert.

*Verification
mandatory*

Procedure:

- a) *Vaccinated/recovered*: According to the current status, you must present proof of complete vaccination or recovery *to your teacher* in the first class (incl. official ID). The teacher will document the presence of the vaccination/recovery. For convalescents, the positive PCR test result must be presented (a quarantine-only certificate is not sufficient). It should be noted that in the case of convalescents, immunization is credited only for 6 months. No further verification is required in subsequent classes.

You can refuse to present and document your immunization/recovery, but in this case you would have to present a negative lateral flow test at each class (see point b below).

- b) *Tested*: For the remaining students, the presence of a maximum 48 hour-old lateral flow test (antigen rapid test or PCR test) will be checked and documented in each class session.

2.3 Distance regulations and mask obligation

According to the current status, social distancing is not required under the condition of a 3G (tested, recovered, vaccinated) check. At fixed seating areas and during 3-G screening, the mask may be removed. When removing from the seat and inside the buildings, masks are compulsory (medical mask). The mask may be removed during practical sports lessons if necessary.

*No social
distancing
at fixed seat*



2.4 Notification of Corona positive cases

If you test positive for Covid, you must notify the health office under covidtestpositiv@dshs-koeln.de is still available. You should also inform your lecturer that you are ill.

2.5 Dealing with quarantine cases

Students who are in quarantine due to a Covid 19 infection will be treated according to the usual sickness regulations (i.e. sick days count as days absent). However, teachers are asked to be accommodating as possible towards students who have Covid 19 possible (e.g. by setting substitute tasks). As things stand, contact persons who have been vaccinated and have recovered in the last 6 months will not be quarantined. However, if contact persons are quarantined through no fault of their own, lecturers are asked to be accommodating.

2.6 Seating arrangements and documentation

In seminars or theoretical exercises, you will be given a fixed seat in the first lesson, which will be documented in the list of participants and must always be adhered to.

3 Student work stations

Due to the increased presence of students at the university, a large number of work stations have been provided for online lectures that take place immediately before or after face-to-face classes. In principle, all work-places are also subject to the obligation to provide evidence in accordance with the 3-G rule.

*Many work
stations, but
with „3G“*

- Lecture halls 1, 2 and 3 are generally scheduled for student work-places. Deviating from this, committee meetings and important lectures can be held in lecture hall 2. Such meeting times must be entered in LSF at least 3 days before the meeting so that students can plan accordingly.
- There are approx. 100 student work stations available in the Central Sports Library (ZB Sport). The work stations can be booked via the ZB Sport (see information on the ZB Sport website).
- The spectator stands in the North Halls can also be used for the "silent viewing" of a lecture. However, the prerequisite is that there is no disruption of the teaching process.
- As a further option, the spectator seats in the Netcologne Stadium are available.
- In the guest house (Hockey-Judo Centre), a small number of rooms have been made available as a room for special teaching-learning situations (e.g. for the presentation of papers, etc.). If required, please contact your Corona Hotline: sose2021-stud@dshs-koeln.de or wise2021-stud@dshs-koeln.de.

4 Free practice / tutorials

The sports facilities of the DSHS Cologne should be available for free practice again in winter semester 21/22, if an appropriate control of safety and hygiene measures are adhered to.

The swimming centre is expected to reopen on 13.09.2021.

To support free practice, the university will continue to offer a large number of tutorials. Information on this will follow before the start of the semester.



5 Plan early - Restriction of athletics courses due to construction work

From summer semester 2022 until at least summer semester 2024, the Athletics Centre (LAZ) will be renovated. Athletics courses as well as strength and weightlifting, will be severely affected by this. Therefore, there will inevitably be restrictions in the courses offered within these areas during this period. Athletics will be particularly affected, with only a very few courses offered in the respective winter semesters.

*Attention!
Planning Ath-
letics courses*

Our urgent recommendation: We therefore strongly recommend that you already choose athletics in the coming WiSe 21/22, if this is possible for you. We have more courses on offer for this purpose. In the following semesters until at least 2024, on the other hand, the number of athletics courses will probably be greatly reduced or will be outside the regular event times.