



Pandemic: How face-to-face teaching continues to be made possible

Dear students,

Last week, the Berlin House of Representatives passed new resolutions amending the Third Ordinance on Measures Required to Protect the Population from Infections with the SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus. In the following, I would like to explain to you what these resolutions mean for student life at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and how we will proceed in the coming weeks in light of the infection situation.

In-person teaching

In-person teaching can continue to be offered as well as hybrid courses and online formats. In order to make classroom teaching as secure as possible, we have decided on the following procedure in consultation with the faculties:

1. In principle, larger face-to-face teaching events should be conducted predominantly digitally, insofar as this is didactically, technically and organizationally possible. This is already the case at most faculties.
2. With the few faculties and institutes that for different reasons also require larger lectures in-person, a surface covering control of the 3G proofs was agreed upon. This means that in the future, in larger in-person courses, the verification control will no longer be random, but aimed at everyone present. In other words: everyone will have to prove that they have recovered, have been vaccinated, or tested. It is our goal that those in-person courses, which are held in smaller group sizes and primarily serve direct exchange and communication will remain possible in the future.

3G-rule

For teaching, the 3G rule continues to apply. For the time being, the 2G-plus rule (vaccinated or recovered status, supplemented by a current negative test certificate that is no more than 24 hours old) applies to university sports courses (Hochschulsport) and university music offerings as well as for student initiatives.

We have already heard from some lecturers that they are supplementing their classroom lectures with digital elements, e.g. in the form of live or recorded streams. I would like to express my sincere thanks for this special effort. At the same time, we must all be aware that doubling courses (face-to-face and digital) cannot be offered across the board for both technical and personnel reasons.

Masks

The obligation to wear a medical mask will be tightened. In all in-person courses, it is mandatory to wear an FFP2 mask for the entire duration of the course - even if the minimum distance of 1.5 m can be maintained. Lecturers and students are exempt from this requirement when they give presentations.

Procedure in case of infections

In order to improve the procedure for handling infection cases, we have updated our guideline for the implementation of classroom teaching. We will upload this to the Humboldt Universität website in the next few days. Attached to this email you will already find a chart depicting the procedure for handling infectious cases.

Notes on participation in-person teaching in case of health restrictions or with care obligations

If, in view of the increasing number of infections, you are unable to attend in-person lectures for reasons of health or because of care obligations, it is recommended that you first discuss alternatives with the relevant teaching staff. If necessary, you can also apply for a Compensation for Disadvantage (Nachteilsausgleich). Information on this can be found on the central Corona information page for students.

Yours sincerely

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Questions and answers on current measures

On the central Corona information page for students, we keep you up to date on all pandemic-related topics in the area of teaching and studying and also update the information continuously: hu.berlin/corona



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