

Eberswalde, 2021-03-10

Provisional regulations for the summer semester 2021 (subject to change).

The following continues to apply: Entering the university with symptoms that indicate infection with Sars-CoV-2 according to the current criteria of the Robert Koch Institute

(https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Steckbrief.html) is prohibited.

Teaching

Digital formats will continue to play a major role in teaching during the summer semester. All courses that can typically be taught online will continue to be offered digitally. These include in particular:

- Lectures
- seminars
- Calculation and other exercises
- Project work and presentations, etc.

The containment ordinance provides for a participant limit of 5 persons for such courses, even if they are held in the outside room.

This limit does not apply to events which, due to their nature, usually require the presence of participants. Rather, the respective room capacity limit applies here. Here, one person may be admitted per 10 square meters of room space. For such events in the outdoor area, the distance rules must be observed. Typical courses according to this rule are:

- Practical courses in laboratories and pilot plants
- Courses that are necessarily linked to technical conditions at the university (e.g. courses in the computer pools)
- Courses that focus on social-communicative skills
- identification exercises
- Field, forest and terrain exercises
- One-day excursions, etc.

For face-to-face events, the familiar rules still apply. These include:

- The designated maximum room capacities apply as the maximum number of persons for all those present, i.e. for students and lecturers
- All persons present must wear a suitable medical protective mask during the entire course
- The distance rules must always be observed
- The room must be adequately ventilated after 45 min at the latest

- Access control can either be contactless via the Darfichrein app (recommended) or a participant list
- Crowding before and after classes should be avoided

For field trips, field exercises, and other outdoor events, plan for all participants to arrive with as little contact as possible (e.g., by bicycle). If more than one person is traveling in a vehicle, mouth-to-nose coverings are to be worn by all passengers.

For the conduct of examinations, the rules from the examination period of the winter semester continue to apply.

Working at the University

The rules that home office work is preferred where possible have been extended through 2021-04-30. In shared rooms, 10 square meters of space per person shall be provided. Medical masks are required to be worn in all rooms, hallways, restrooms, entryways and common areas of the university. These masks may be removed at the fixed working place if either working alone or the distance rule and 10 sq. ft. rule are followed.

Business Travel

Non-necessary domestic travel shall continue to be eliminated whenever possible. Urgently needed exceptions for domestic travel will be decided by supervisors in accordance with the November 2020 Handout on Approval of Business Travel.

Foreign travel to the virus variant areas defined by the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) and to high-incidence areas is prohibited without exception. Business trips to international risk areas are to be avoided and should only be undertaken in exceptional cases of absolute necessity and upon presentation of health insurance covering the risks of Corona infection. The acting president decides on justified exceptions.

Current information is provided by the RKI

(https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/nCoV.html).

If you re-enter from a foreign risk area, you must enter a 10-day quarantine. This can be ended early by presenting a negative test result from the 5th day after entry. In consultation with the supervisor, the required quarantine periods can be used for mobile work, if necessary. If this is not possible, there is the possibility of special leave without pay according to § 28 TV-L.

Project meetings and work in research projects

With the increasing availability of rapid tests and self-tests, it is now possible to use these as infection control measures for project meetings. Prior to a meeting with external project, collaboration, transfer partners, all individuals should have either daily updated rapid tests (less than 24 hours old) or on-site

self-tests. Procurement and funding of the self/rapid tests is the responsibility of the project leaders. Other hygiene rules are the same as for teaching events (masks, spacing, ventilation, contact lists).

In the case of positive self-tests, PCR testing must be carried out immediately and the person concerned must immediately go into self-isolation until a negative PCR test is available.