

Präsident  
Prof. Dr. Andreas Timm-Giel

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The winter semester is fast approaching. We are glad that the current pandemic situation and the experts' assessments make it possible to hold the winter semester largely in attendance. This is something we have wanted for a long time. The essential legal framework has been created, some details for the implementation are still in coordination. The following regulations were presented to the Academic Senate on 22.09.2021 and are valid as things stand today:

- All participants must register via "Darfichrein" app in every lecture hall or seminar room so that tracking is possible in case of infection.
- All participants of face-to-face events must be able to prove one of the three Gs (recovered, vaccinated, tested). This applies equally to students and faculty.
- The 3G rule will be verified by spot checks. These will be implemented primarily through unannounced checks in lectures. Other means of checking are still under consideration. Computer pool rooms and library are also subject to the 3G obligation and will be included in the checks.
- A possible sanction for persons found without one of the 3G is a house ban. If this is imposed for the remainder of the semester for multiple violations, it will also mean exclusion from exams in attendance.
- It is currently being examined whether the testing center in Building Q will continue to operate and whether free tests can continue to be offered there for a transitional period for students who have not yet been fully vaccinated, who are demonstrably not allowed to be vaccinated, or students freshly arriving at TUHH from abroad.

These regulations are published on the TU websites at <https://www.tuhh.de/tuhh/uni/aktuelles/covid-19.html> and are updated regularly.

In addition, I can give you the following information:

- A meaningfully conducted semester in attendance can only work if the vast majority of the courses are actually conducted face-to-face. It is not possible for students to constantly alternate between present and virtual offerings because many have longer travel distances and no place here on site where they could participate in virtual events. Therefore, digitally offered formats must also be available on a time-delayed basis.
- In all centrally scheduled courses where room size does not allow the distance to be maintained, the distance requirement does not apply under the above regulations. The Executive Board is aware that after 1.5 years of the pandemic, the elimination of the distance requirement poses a special challenge to teachers and students. However, several surveys have now shown that at least 85% of students have already been vaccinated at least once. The proportion among faculty is likely to be similar. In conjunction with the requirement that all students who are neither vaccinated nor recovered must be able to present a daily updated test, as well as continued registration in the lecture halls and seminar rooms, the risk of infection is acceptable.

- The LVVO regulation, which provides for a maximum credit of 25% online teaching, will remain suspended for the upcoming winter semester.
- A mobile vaccination team will offer vaccinations to TU students and staff on October 13, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Building A Room 0.37 c/b.

I am aware that additional questions will arise in the coming weeks regarding the practical implementation of the legal guidelines. Please do not hesitate to ask them. Holger Robbert ([holger.robber@tuhh.de](mailto:holger.robber@tuhh.de)) and Dr. Ralf Grote ([grote@tuhh.de](mailto:grote@tuhh.de)) are available as initial contacts for this purpose. It is a matter of concern to all of us to ensure that you have as safe and relaxed a winter semester as possible in “Präsenz”.

With kind regards

Andreas Timm-Giel

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andreas Timm-Giel', with a horizontal line above the last part of the name.