



Regulations regarding limited on-site teaching at TU Dresden during the corona pandemic, valid as of 4th May 2020

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The University Executive Board of TU Dresden, the Corona Crisis Management Team and Planning Committee for teaching, have agreed on the following, binding principles:

1. The protection of the health of both lecturers and students is of the utmost priority.
2. The 2020 summer semester shall not be a "lost semester".
3. The highly dynamic implementation of digital teaching should provide the greatest possible advantage for teaching and learning at TU Dresden.

Even though we might not have the complete picture yet: Digital teaching at TU Dresden (#TUD-Digital) has been a success story so far, thanks to the great commitment of everyone involved! We are well aware that not everything is running smoothly yet, as digital teaching is still new to many lecturers and students. Despite the many opportunities afforded by digital teaching, there are formats which - especially without prior planning - cannot be conducted remotely, or only with great difficulty as they require students to attend (classroom teaching).

As the protection of health of lecturers and students has the highest priority, admission to teaching events that requires students to attend is only permissible, provided that the number of persons who are on TU Dresden's premises at the same time, is drastically limited and the teaching events **strictly adhere to** measures to minimise the risk of infection. Since individual lecturers and students themselves might belong to risk groups or have not yet been able to travel to Dresden, it must also be ensured that the teaching content continues to be made available digitally (asynchronous, hybrid teaching) for as many classroom teaching events as possible.

For this reason, the following principles will form the basis for the resumption of on-site teaching from 4th May:

1. All teaching formats that can be offered online will not be held as on-site classes this summer semester. This applies to all lectures.
2. On-site teaching events must remain the absolute exception. Face-to-face teaching is reserved for those cases in which the acquisition of knowledge is impossible without the direct physical interaction of the students. A typical example are laboratory practicals.

It is imperative to reduce the overall number of students to a minimum and to ensure an even distribution of students throughout the day.

3. For the courses of the summer semester, the Deans of Studies shall draw up a priority list of courses that can only be held on-site. In the interest of the optimal protection of health, we should all strive for as little on-site attendance as possible!

This planning must be carried out for each day of the week. In coordination with the students and lecturers concerned as well as with Directorate 4, individual events can also be held on Saturdays.

When planning lectures and seminars, special coordination is required for events attended by students of different degree programmes. To plan suitable rooms, the individual plans must be combined. The respective Deans of Studies responsible for this will consult with each other.

4. For each of the prioritised courses, a security concept is developed and set out in writing. The following points are of paramount importance:
 - a. A minimum distance of 1.5 metres between two persons must be maintained, e.g.:
 - i. The use of large/spacious rooms; coordination via room allocation for central teaching rooms
 - ii. The reduction of group sizes
 - iii. Adaptation of the teaching format (e.g. Practicals conducted in lecture halls: experiments are carried out in lecture halls, video recording if necessary; protocol and evaluation by students; reduction of the number of experiments; ...)
 - b. If possible, use rooms with separate entrances and exits.
 - c. Protective measures are to be organised, in particular
 - i. Mouth and nose cover for students and lecturers is strongly recommended (to be brought by students themselves)
 - ii. Ensuring hand hygiene (washing facilities available in the vicinity and sign-posted)
 - iii. Separation using e.g. plexiglass (to a limited extent, plexiglass can be made available centrally; the workshops may be opened temporarily to support the measures, provided distance and hygiene regulations are adhered to)
 - d. The routes to the rooms inside the buildings, from the entrance and exit, shall be taken into account in the concept. In particular, the minimum distances must be ensured and intersections of crowd flows must be avoided (control system, D4 provides support).
5. The Deans or Heads of the Central Institutions decide on the prioritisation and the security concepts of their own accord. The close involvement of the Deans of Studies is strongly recommended.

Teaching events for which no adequate security concept can be presented may not be held on-site. They are to be deleted from the list, so that other teaching events can take their place.
6. The lists of on-site events and their security concepts must be accessible at all times for the University Executive Board, the Directorate Property Management, Technology and Security of TU Dresden. [They must be submitted to the Vice-Rector for Academic and International Affairs.](#)
7. For the teaching events of the teacher training programmes, prioritisation shall be done separately by those responsible for the subjects/departments/areas of study and, where applicable, in conjunction with the specialised degree programmes. The faculties report, via the ZLSB, their prioritisation for the teaching training degrees alongside the number of students concerned, to the Deans of Studies of the teacher training degrees. The ZLSB reports back the total number of students for the teacher training degree programmes.

8. For lectures with contact to third parties (e.g. patient contact in human medicine) special arrangements are made by the Crisis Management Team in coordination with the respective faculty.
9. Exceptions in individual cases (e.g. use of special software) shall be decided by the Crisis Management Team upon substantiated request. Applications are to be submitted via the Dean or the Heads of the Central Units and are to be given careful consideration.