The winter semester 2020/21 will take place as a **hybrid semester** using the following three course formats: (a) online courses, (b) hybrid courses and (c) face-to-face courses (in specific exceptional cases).
Online courses taking place throughout the semester will take place exclusively in virtual seminar rooms. In hybrid courses, some of the students take part in person. Because the necessary precautions with respect to hygiene mean that, the number of seats for students attending courses in person are limited. Therefore, another part of the participants works in a virtual room.
In brief:

Courses focusing on first-semester students, international students or examination candidates have the highest priority in the allocation of large rooms for hybrid courses.
In brief:

As in the 2020 summer semester, practical lab work and experiments can still take place if permission is granted and documented by the relevant dean’s office and the work is undertaken in accordance with the strict safety guidelines which have been made known across the university.
In brief:

The scheduled times of the courses and students’ compulsory attendance in the courses according to the module descriptions remain unchanged despite the online or hybrid course format. There is no obligation for students to attend a hybrid courses on site.
In brief:

The professor or lecturer teaching the course will decide on the appropriate course format. The Dean of Studies checks the course registrations in stud.ip for plausibility. For purely on-site events the approval of the Deans of Studies is still required who document these decisions in an appropriate manner (e.g. seating plans, etc.) and bring them to the attention of the VPSL (the VPSL reserves the »right of veto«).
In brief:

Examinations scheduled for the winter semester should take place with a minimum of contact between examinees. On-site examinations in the winter semester 2020/21 will take place in accordance with the guidelines on social distancing and hygiene and not during semester weeks in order to avoid scheduling conflicts.
In brief:

With the exception of cases which are de facto impossible (e.g. due to travel bans), doctoral examinations as well as lectures for habilitation procedures both require the doctoral or post-doctoral candidates to be physically present at the university. A part of the members of the doctoral or habilitation committee and members of the university community should participate virtually in accordance with the respective doctoral regulations as far as possible.
In brief:

The university buildings are partially open in the winter semester. In the areas of the university which are open and accessible, the obligation to wear a face covering and the obligation to maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 meters to the next person will continue to apply.
The virtUOS offers course instructors comprehensive advice on hybrid teaching. There will also be a mentoring program (OSKA) for freshers which envisages allocating a personal contact person to every first semester student for the winter semester 2020/21.