

Dear Students,

In view of how the ongoing pandemic is developing, it can be assumed that we will not be able to resume normal studies at the start of the year and that the regulations of the currently valid Coronavirus Protection Ordinance will have to be extended beyond 11 January 2021.

For this reason, we would like to inform you below about how studies at HfM Dresden will go ahead from 4 January until the end of the semester:

Firstly, the following amended framework conditions shall apply:

- An individual standard period of study extended by one semester applies according to the resolution of the Saxon State Parliament dated 16 December 2020 for students who were/are enrolled in the 2020 summer semester and 2020/21 winter semester.
This means that compliance with the standard period of study for students at HfM Dresden is not currently a priority.

We would like to make the following proposals for the weeks to come:

- We will refrain from admitting new students in the 2021 summer semester. Applicants can keep their application until the next application period. The aim of this decision is to guide students that are currently enrolled to graduation and to provide teachers with the capacity to make up lessons. Teaching hours that are not completed must be made up for in the following four semesters according to DAVOHS.
- Classroom teaching will stop until the end of the semester; this also applies to individual lessons. Digital lessons shall be given online for individual artistic lessons totalling three teaching units. The remaining teaching units shall be taught either digitally or made up for in the classroom in consultation between students and teachers. Lessons shall be organised in consultation between student and teacher.
- Wherever didactically possible, artistic group lessons can also be given digitally or made up in the periods listed below.
- If the pandemic developments permit, the project period at the beginning of the summer semester (1-22 March) can be used to make up lessons. In addition, summer semester teaching time will be extended until 13 August 2021 (previous start of the semester break: 19 July 2021) to make up lessons. As in the 2020 summer semester, we will allow holidays by individual arrangement. The previously agreed timetable shall apply to lessons that can be held digitally.
- Final degree examinations that include the last main module's artistic presentation may be conducted in person up to the end of the semester. Requests must be made to the prorector for teaching and studies for any other examinations that cannot be postponed.
- Examinations that have already been scheduled can be postponed to the summer semester if the student wishes. In these cases, an extension to studies is possible without limitation. Students may not be disadvantaged in the event of withdrawal from an examination.
- Students who want to withdraw from final degree examinations that have already been scheduled based on the circumstances mentioned are obliged to inform their **dean of studies**. An examination that has not been cancelled and has not been taken shall be considered as failed.

- Classroom teaching and correpetition for preparing for the aforementioned examinations are permitted.
- A decision will be made at the earliest opportunity on how to deal with final examinations in JRP, which usually take place in ensembles.
- Students who still have to take examinations in person in group classes for their degree can give a substitute performance as part of compensating for any disadvantages.
- A coronavirus-related cancellation for participation in an examination in person by any of the other participants (e.g. répétiteur or examination board member) is possible; the respective dean of studies must be informed of this in good time and will try to find an appropriate replacement.
- Examinations in person shall be conducted in compliance with hygiene regulations and without any persons who are not directly involved, so with examination candidates, correpetition, page-turners (if required) and the examination board.
- The University will remain open from 4 January 2021 to 12 February 2021 from 9 am to 9 pm for restricted practice, teaching and examinations. ONLY one person at a time is permitted to stay in each practice room.
- Please plan to keep artistic projects that are not relevant to examinations to a minimum to keep capacity available (space and staff) for conducting examinations until the end of the summer semester. The ensemble competition will probably be postponed to the beginning of the summer semester.

Dear Students,

The measures mentioned present severe cuts in studies; similar restrictions are currently affecting many other sections of the population in a similar way. In view of the rising number of infections, especially in Saxony, we see it as our duty to also enable our students, teaching staff and colleagues to reduce contact to a minimum during these times, therefore making a contribution to containing the pandemic.

We hope and ask for your understanding.

Best regards,

Your University Administration