

Examinations of the winter semester 2020/21: Examination without presence

In order to keep the risk of infection for teachers and students as low as possible during the examination period, the following measures will be taken during the upcoming examination phase. The guiding principle continues to be that examinations should not take place in attendance. All scheduled examination dates will also be rescheduled in accordance with the requirements of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

A Postponements

1. All exams scheduled between February 1 and February 14 that cannot be conducted in an online format will be rescheduled to a date on or after March 1 by agreement between room administration and the instructors.
2. All exams scheduled between February 15 and April 11 will be rescheduled by two weeks. Thus, an exam scheduled for February 15 will be held on March 1, etc.
3. Deviations from this rule: the dates scheduled for the E-exams will not be rescheduled, and exams scheduled for March 19-22 will not be rescheduled by two weeks, but by four weeks to April 16-21, as they would otherwise have to be written on Easter.

Please inform yourself about unisono about your new exam dates. Where necessary, you will also be informed by your instructors.

If a postponement of a scheduled examination would lead to undue hardship for individual students or would result in a significant delay in the course of study of at least six months, an individual examination date must be offered by the instructor. If necessary, an alternative form of examination may be used. Undue hardship is deemed to exist in particular if the loss of the residence permit/visa is imminent or the possibility of starting a job that has already been promised, a directly subsequent Master's degree or a legal traineeship is denied. Students who are affected by this should apply for this individual examination date by e-mail to the chairperson of their examination committee. The request must prove that the postponement of the examination date would lead to an undue hardship or would result in a significant delay in the course of studies of at least six months, e.g. due to a scan of the visa or employment contract.

The systematic postponement of the entire block of examinations or the rescheduling of examination dates is necessary in order to prevent consequential problems that can arise when arbitrarily postponed examinations overlap (see circular of January 18). Individual examination dates, e.g. for oral examinations, can be rescheduled in consultation with the students.

B Examination formats and conditions

All exams, including postponed exams, will be taken without attendance whenever possible. The goal is to protect instructors and students by allowing as many exams as possible to be taken from home. For this reason, all instructors have been urged to replace scheduled face-to-face exams with alternative exam formats. Oral examinations may be conducted as videoconferences. Instructors will provide information on the exact conditions for implementation. The most important basics are the following:

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- Surveillance during written examinations conducted online (online proctoring) is not permitted. Only identity verification before the start of a written online examination is permitted, after which examinees can switch off the camera.
- Exam performances that are processed and completed by all students at essentially the same time will generally be conducted using an extension of ECON EBook, a university proprietary development. Instructions for exam takers will be published well in advance of the exams.
- Online exams are usually conducted on the scheduled date (after rescheduling) to prevent re-scheduling from leading to overlapping exams.
- Moodle can be used for asynchronous online exams where students work on the exam offline and then submit it via Moodle. When determining the timeframe for such exams, e.g., take-home exams, teachers should take into account that students may need to complete other exams at the same time.
- The submission of asynchronous examination papers by e-mail is permitted.
- For all written online examinations, the instructors will obtain a declaration from the students that the examination was prepared independently by the students and that no aids other than those specified were used.
- Students who do not have the space or technical requirements at home to take a synchronous written online examination (e.g. a written examination in real time) can be provided with a suitable place in a PC pool at the university. Please register at corona-pruefungen@uni-siegen.de and indicate the day and time when the exam will take place. We will then assign you a room. We urge that this option is only used by students who really have no other option than to write at the university, as the number of places is limited.
- The regulations in the examination regulations regarding compensation for disadvantages and withdrawal still apply.

Presence exams

- Some examinations will probably only be able to be carried out in presence. We will inform you in good time about the organization, implementation and hygiene measures.
- For students who cannot take part in a face-to-face examination for actual reasons (e.g. stay abroad in the case of international students, medical certificate of increased risk of serious illness in the case of infection with Covid-19), the lecturers must offer an alternative examination format. For students who are in quarantine on the examination date, the lecturers must offer an alternative date or an alternative examination format.
- The regulations in the examination regulations regarding compensation for disadvantages and withdrawal continue to apply.