Current information from the Rector for students and doctoral candidates (in connection with the Covid 19 pandemic)  
(Status 22 April 2020)

Classroom teaching remains postponed at least until 04.05.2020  
(Postponed) written examinations will probably take place at the end of the summer semester

In telephone conferences, the State Rectors’ Conference and the Saxon Ministry of Science agreed on a gradual and moderate relaxation of measures to deal with the corona epidemic. It remains the primary goal to slow down the further spread of the novel virus and to reduce the infection rate.

Despite the sometimes considerable adverse effects on students and doctoral candidates at Saxon universities, the aim (according to current information, 21 April 2020) is to continue to work towards ensuring that the 2020 summer semester is as successful as possible in a responsible manner. The commitment and motivation of the lecturers at the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg have made it possible to offer more than 500 courses in contactless teaching formats. This path is to be continued as a matter of priority. For this semester contactless teaching formats remain the standard for teaching at the TU BAF. Nevertheless, further necessary courses that cannot be replaced by contactless teaching formats are to be offered step by step and according to a priority list from May 4, 2020. Special measures are still urgently required for this.

Insofar as “compliance with special hygiene measures” is mentioned in the following, this is regarded as a minimum standard that must be observed and enforced by teachers and examiners:

a. Keep a distance of at least 1.5 metres between each other (avoid direct physical contact), even when entering or leaving rooms,

b. Refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact,

c. Avoid working in groups, if necessary keep your distance and face protection in small groups (maximum 1 person/20 m² room),

d. If a room is not used individually, a mouth and nose protector must be worn.

If COVID-19 is suspected, this must be observed:
a. immediately leave the rooms of the university or refrain from entering them,
b. contact the family doctor by telephone (the further procedure will be clarified there)
c. in case of suspicion from home: under no circumstances appear at the university
d. if you suspect something is happening at home: call your family doctor,
e. in case of confirmed infection until healing: (at least 14 days) Quarantine.

Anyone who needs help or has questions about "Corona in Freiberg" can contact the emergency hotline: 03731/ 273 333, and the citizen's telephone is also available at 273 888.

The Rectorate, in consultation with the Deans of the Faculties, has decided to implement the agreed measures at the TU Bergakademie Freiberg as follows:

- **The start of on-site teaching (lectures, exercises, etc.) will begin step by step from 04.05.2020 for those courses for which a replacement by a contactless course is impossible and which can be carried out in compliance with special hygiene measures** (notes on the gradual introduction of classroom teaching elements can be found at [https://tu-freiberg.de/en/veranstaltungen/2020-05-04/step-by-step-introduction-of-on-site-teaching](https://tu-freiberg.de/en/veranstaltungen/2020-05-04/step-by-step-introduction-of-on-site-teaching)). The decision as to which courses are offered in this way is made by the Rectorate on the proposal of the deans, who obtain the opinion of the Faculty Council. The Prorectors for Education and for Structural Development provide information on this online ([https://drupal1.hrz.tu-freiberg.de/en/veranstaltungen/2020-04-06/start-of-online-teaching-overview-of-courses](https://drupal1.hrz.tu-freiberg.de/en/veranstaltungen/2020-04-06/start-of-online-teaching-overview-of-courses)). In principle, however, it still applies that courses should be replaced by contactless formats. To this end, students are still asked to inform themselves about the relevant OPAL courses and the publications of the faculties.

- **The start of classroom teaching in the foreign language courses and the German courses for foreign students will also be postponed to 04.05.2020 at the earliest. Information about the respective courses can be obtained from the IUZ.**

- **Postponed written examinations (attendance examinations) of the winter semester 2019/2020 will be postponed to the end of the summer semester 2020 as far as possible and under special hygiene conditions.** Appropriate information on the details will be made available to students in good time. Written examinations (attendance examinations) of SS 2020 will be offered at a later date than the postponed examinations at the end of the summer semester.
The transition to classroom teaching takes into account the risk groups

a. Students with risk burdens are initially not included in classroom teaching.
b. For students from at-risk groups, individual case solutions will be provided on request as far as possible.
c. The deployment or admission of teachers with pre-existing risks or from the age group of 59 and older in classroom teaching will be considered separately.
d. Teachers from risk groups will be increasingly used in digital teaching.

Oral examinations can be carried out in individual cases in consultation with the examiner using digital formats or, as far as possible, under special hygiene conditions.

The Admissions and Students Office has discontinued personal office hours and consultations. The same applies to the International Centre. Please refrain from personal visits. Please use telephone and e-mail to contact us.

For enrolment from abroad, no proof of payment of the semester fee is required until further notice (especially since this fee was regularly paid in person at the payment office by foreign students). The payment will be made when the situation has eased and the classroom teaching has started again.

Doctoral defences can be carried out in agreement with the doctoral committee via digital formats or, as far as possible, under special hygiene conditions.

The reading rooms of the University Library will remain closed until further notice. The University Library provides information about a lending service, which is primarily intended to serve students who can prove that they are currently writing a bachelor/master or diploma thesis.

University sports will remain suspended indefinitely.

The Studentenwerk Freiberg has discontinued personal office hours and consultations. Information on how to reach them by e-mail and by phone can be found on the website of the Studentenwerk Freiberg.

The cafeteria is closed. For information on food service offers from 4 May 2020 please refer to the website of the Studentenwerk Freiberg.

BAföG-supported students are referred to the current notice of the Federal Minister of Education Anja Karliczek: https://www.bmbf.de/de/karliczek-keine-nachteile-beim-bafoeg-wegen-corona-11122.html

The buildings of the TU Bergakademie Freiberg are still closed to the public. Professors and staff can access the buildings with their badge/key. Students attending classroom events receive special access authorizations.
With kind regards and stay healthy,

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