

“Responsible in-person attendance” at the University of Oldenburg

Framework concept for winter semester 2022/2023

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Preamble

Taking note of the respective pandemic situation, we welcome physical presence in all areas of the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg. In-person instruction remains of utmost importance for the quality of the courses offered. The key points of the framework concept, which proved successful during summer semester, are updated for winter semester 2022/2023. The Presidential Board will regularly review and implement any further adjustments required by the pandemic situation or legal provisions.

I. General regulations

General rules

Classrooms, lecture halls, meeting and conference rooms of the university are available for in-person instruction and events at full capacity. In-person lectures, courses, seminars or other events do not need to be approved separately or on a case-by-case basis.

Social distancing requirement

At full in-person attendance, protecting public health remains crucial. Therefore, individuals who enter rooms, buildings or premises of the university are required to conduct themselves in a way that minimises the risk of infection for themselves and others. This includes maintaining a minimum distance (social distancing requirement) wherever possible and feasible.

Mask mandate

To minimise the risk of infection, masks are mandatory in all high-traffic areas inside rooms and

buildings as well as in lecture halls, classrooms, study areas and venues used for events, academic or otherwise, off-campus sites included. While medical masks are mandatory, FFP2 masks are recommended for voluntary use at one's own responsibility. This applies in particular if safe distances cannot be maintained.

At meetings, gatherings or other events, a medical mask or, if required by federal or state regulations, an FFP2 mask must be worn.

As far as possible, special precautions are to be taken for vulnerable individuals, especially employees and students.

Unless otherwise specified, federal or state regulations or directives at the municipal level apply.

II. Regulations for individual areas

Academic studies and teaching

- Given adherence to a hygiene concept, in-person activities related to studying and teaching may take place on campus. This applies to practical laboratory courses as well as practical courses in subjects such as sports, music, languages or medicine. It also applies specifically to seminars, colloquia and tutorials. (Major) lectures and examinations may also take place in person. Classrooms will be made available at full capacity to accommodate participants.

Continuing education programmes for external participants

- Continuing education programmes for external participants may take place on campus on the basis of a hygiene concept. Classrooms will be made available at full capacity to accommodate participants.

Research

- Research-related activities (including work-related travel) can be carried out on the basis of a hygiene concept.

Administration and technical support

- Taking into account the functions to be performed, administrative and technical work is largely carried out on site. Depending on the pandemic situation, staff may continue to participate in mobile work and telework in order to minimize the use of offices featuring multiple workstations. The following principle applies: as long as there are no compelling work-related reasons to the contrary, employees who want to avoid sharing office space should generally be approved for mobile work or telework under the provisions currently in force. Conversely, no employee should have to participate in mobile work against his or her will.

Events, meetings and other gatherings

- The above-mentioned meetings and other gatherings may take place inside university buildings, rooms and on university premises. When planning and organising events, the applicable federal and state regulations as well as any university regulations (e.g. the mask mandate) must be taken into account and complied with throughout.