

*(English translation provided for informational purposes. If the English and German versions allow different interpretations, the German version should be followed).*

**Statement from the virtual *AG für Studium, Lehre und Prüfungswesen*  
(working group for student and academic services and examinations) on the conduct of  
examinations in the winter semester 2020/21**

The virtual *AG für Studium, Lehre und Prüfungswesen* recommends, having taken into account the importance of protecting health bearing in mind the current pandemic, and the justifiable concerns of students and teaching staff in planning for safety and avoiding peaks in their workloads for preparations and carrying out examinations – for the upcoming examination period of the 2020/21 winter semester:

1. The number of examinations conducted in person should be limited to the absolute minimum. Bearing in mind the current pandemic, the University cannot have an interest in encouraging its students, employees and lecturers to increase the amount of travelling they do. Therefore, examinations in person are to be limited to those that are absolutely unavoidable; the *Krisenstab* (crisis management team) will only grant exceptions in individual cases that are clearly justified.
2. The examination dates, which have already been communicated to the students, should be adhered to as far as possible. The faculties or institutions should allow as few disruptions as possible to the examination schedule. This is to avoid students having to postpone examination preparations that have already begun, which could in turn lead to students having to resume them in parallel with the schedule of the following semester. Where possible, examinations in a virtual space or alternative formats (within the framework of § 22a APO) should be used in order to avoid additional work for students and teachers as in SoSe 2020. It should be taken into account that the conversion of examinations to digital formats is also associated with an additional workload for examiners, especially academic staff and teaching assistants.
3. The specific examination conditions should be made known to all examination candidates at least 14 days before the examination date. All institutions responsible for examinations should ensure that their plans are specified sufficiently early and made known to the students concerned.

*The Senate and the Presidential Board of the University of Göttingen have approved the recommendations made in the German version.*