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Corona Measures for the Mathematics Unit: Exams

1. Preamble and Objective

In the past few weeks, questions about the examination procedure at the mathematics teaching unit have been raised and discussed. The Senate of the Georg-August-Universität has decided to change the General Examination Regulations (APO) in order to create the legal framework for an examination under corona conditions. Following the advisory statement of the Mathematics Examination Committee and a decision by the Dean of Studies for Mathematics, the following corona-related exemptions apply to exams in B.Mat and M.Mat modules.

2. Written Exams

It is planned to take the backlog exams from the winter semester 2019/20 to the end of May / beginning of June. However, we are still waiting for regulations that are currently prepared by the central authorities of the University for holding face-to-face exams under Corona conditions.

3. Oral exams

Preliminary remark: Past experience shows that it is possible, in principle, to conduct oral examinations via video conferences. This should, however, only be done in well justified, individual cases. Specifically for mathematics, it should be noted that, in the case of oral exams, the examiner and candidate usually write on a sheet of paper, which is attached to the examination record.

• Oral exams in presence

Regulation: Oral exams should be carried out in a lecture hall or in a seminar room - in compliance with distancing and disinfection rules. The writing on paper that is typical for math exams is replaced by the use of a blackboard. This will be photographed after the end of the exam, the photos will be archived as an attachment to the scan of the exam protocol signed by the examiner and the assessors. For data protection reasons, for each student a separate e-mail with the protocol sheet and the photos, stating matriculation number and module number, must be sent to Ms. Otto.

• Oral exams via video conference

Regulation: In justified exceptional cases, oral examinations can be carried out by video conference provided that a) this is discussed with the Study Office Mathematics beforehand and b) that the consent of all participants (examiner, assessor, student) is documented (text form by e -Mail to the examination office) beforehand. For data protection reasons, only the following video conference systems are permitted: DFNconf and B3 (BigBlueButton).

4. Seminar lectures

Preliminary remark: These belong to the category "oral examination form" (but not to the subcategory "oral examination").

Regulation: Seminar lectures can be held via video conference. The attendance requirement for lecturing students is lifted. The students do not have to appear in a lecture hall / seminar room for their own lecture; However, in consultation with the teacher, they may give their lecture from a lecture hall / seminar room (e.g. because they want to use its technology). For data protection reasons, only the following video conference

systems should be used: DFNconf and B3 (BigBlueButton). Other video conference systems can be used, but only under the condition that a) no other video conference system is available and b) that the consent of all participants (teacher and students) is documented (text form, e.g. email or survey in the Stud.IP).

5. Presentations in tutorials of solutions to exercises

Preliminary remark: Like the seminar lectures, these belong to the "oral examination form" category (but not to the "oral examination" subcategory).

Regulation: See seminar lectures

6. Homework and theses

These are submitted electronically. The extension of the deadline according to the announcement of the President dated March 16, 2020 (https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/622779.html#4) applies.

7. Exmatriculation due to expiry of the deadline

Preliminary remark: In the following cases, our examination regulations (PstO's) provide a "finally failed" due to the expiry of the deadline:

• Bachelor's degree in Mathematics (B.Sc.) and Bachelor's degree in Mathematical Data Science (B.Sc.): B.Mat.0011 "Analysis I" and B.Mat.0012 "Analytical Geometry and Linear Algebra I" must be successfully completed within the first four semesters.

• Bachelor's degree in Mathematics (B.Sc.) and Bachelor's degree in Mathematical Data Science (B.Sc.): This course must be successfully completed after 12 semesters at the latest.

• Master's degree in mathematics (M.Sc.): This course of study must be successfully completed after 10 semesters at the latest.

Regulation: These deadlines are extended by one semester.

8. Compensation for disadvantages

Preliminary remark: This point is a self-evident and is only listed for the sake of completeness.

Regulation: All other regulations, in particular to compensate for disadvantages, remain unaffected.