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### Informations for winter semester 2020/2021

Dear students of the faculty of forest sciences and forest ecology,

there is still about seven weeks until the official start of lectures in winter semester 2020/21 on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unfortunately, not everything that is important for the preparation of the upcoming courses could already be clarified. Nevertheless, I would like to give you an update so that you can get prepared.

As far as we can currently predict, the upcoming semester will be a so-called **hybrid semester**. This means that a mix of **virtual and face-to-face** events is planned; the latter only under consideration of the current Corona regulations. The combination of these teaching formats was largely successful last summer semester, and we hope to increase the number of classroom-based courses in the coming semester.

In summary, this means that all study programs will take place in a modified form, i.e. online and in presence. We will continue to monitor the course of the pandemic closely and will adjust the proportion of online or face-to-face courses accordingly.

Nevertheless, we would like to emphasize that your presence at the University of Göttingen is important for your successful studies. [We ask you to take part in classroom-based courses, as offered.]

### **We therefore encourage you to come to Göttingen in the coming winter semester!**

In case you are currently in your home country, of course, this recommendation only applies if the political and legal framework allows entry to Germany.

Our recommendations and advice to you:

- Obtain regular information from the **German embassies** in your country about the options for **leaving your country** in order to continue your studies in Göttingen.
- Get informed regularly about the current **quarantine** regulations when entering Germany from a third country (currently travellers from risk countries must maintain a quarantine period of 2 weeks, unless they can prove a negative test for Covid-19 during or right after entering Germany; you must also consult a doctor to confirm that you are healthy).
- Please also visit the webpage of the International Students Office for further information:  
<https://uni-goettingen.de/en/629270.html>

For those of you who are currently working on their **master thesis**: under the given circumstances it is now also possible to submit your final thesis **online via the FlexNow** upload portal.

In the last semester, some students complained that they did not have sufficient Internet access. Please use the remaining time until the start of the semester to ensure sufficient Internet access during the winter semester. The workplaces in the faculty library or in the learning and study building (LSG) on the central campus are of course available to you.

We are currently asking all lecturers how they plan to hold their courses. As soon as we have feedback, we will inform you. Please note that this is a plan that is subject to change at short notice.

Please also note that entering the university building is only permitted with a mask (mouth-nose protection). You may, however, take it off in the lecture hall when sitting.

We thank you for your understanding and your patience and hope that together with you we will also successfully get through the coming winter semester under Corona / Covid-19 conditions.

Please feel free to contact us and the TIF-tutors if you have any questions or requests in this regard.

Best regards,

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