

Questions from the bachelor and master students for the first townhall of the spring semester 2022

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(The session will not be recorded but the answers will be available afterwards in written form.)

What are your questions? Please write them down and respect the other questions.

1. Why do some courses with only few people (e.g. FSK modules) take place online?
⇒ The lecturers decide by themselves how to offer their courses until Easter.
2. Will the exams for the people in the 6. Semester be On- or Offline?
⇒ I coordinated with the respective professors today. On the first and the second exam date the exam will be Online.
3. Will there be hybrid lectures after the easter break for students, who are unable to attend due to quarantine for example?
⇒ After the Easter break, the university will return to on-campus teaching. Lecturers are free in their decision to offer digital classes in addition.
4. When do students who anticipate to surpass the max. allowed semesters for their program, e.g. seven semester in MMM, have to apply for an additional semester because of the corona semester(s) afforded by the state's university law (Landeshochschulgesetz)?
⇒ You have to apply for an extension upon your reregistration for the 8th semester (MMM) or 10th semester (Bachelor). More details [here](#).
5. Is the FSS22 another "Corona Semester"? If we sign up for exams in April, can we still back out 3 days before "due to corona"?
⇒ The spring semester does not count as a "Corona semester" anymore. However, the Corona regulations are still valid. Therefore, you can deregister with the valid reason "Corona" until right before the exam starts. You can always withdraw without a reason from an exam until three days before the exam (via Student Portal). Please see the [student services' homepage](#).
6. (MMM) Why are the lecturers not allowed to share the grade distribution table of their exams?
(It would be nice to see the distribution from the past semesters (per course) as well for better indication of how our performance is compared to the other years.)
⇒ The lecturers are allowed but not obliged to share the grade distribution charts.
7. (MMM) How is it possible that lecturers just offer a 10 minutes timespan for a virtual exam review for exams that cover multiple complex questions and are written up to 90 minutes? Sure, for the lecturers it's pretty convenient. But from a student perspective, it is really unfair.

- ⇒ There are no regulations by the university for how long the exam review has to be offered. Please keep in mind that some lectures have over a hundred participants and have to offer an exam review under Corona regulations for every one of them. Most students actually go to exam reviews which takes up a lot of time for the lecturers.
8. What could we do against chairs selling their scripts for horrendous prices?
- ⇒ It is the decision of the chair which materials are needed for the courses. We recommend to politely address this issue towards the respective chairs.
9. How many students started studying BWL (B. Sc.) and how many dropped out already?
- ⇒ About 420 bachelor students started in fall 2021. The number of dropouts is – as it was in former years – very low (5-10%). We monitor the ratio regularly.
10. (MMM) Is it possible to register directly for exams on the second date again this semester? Also courses that are not Core Courses? How will this work this time?
- ⇒ It was NEVER possible to register for the second exam date in the MMM (except for Core Courses) and I won't be possible this semester either. You will be ONLY registered automatically for the second exam date when you deregister for the first date with a valid reason (see question 5). Again: please check the [website of the student services](#).
11. Are there any plans on implementing pomodoro to the online lectures (25 min lecture, 5 min break, 25 min lecture, 5 min break, 25 minutes lecture, 20 min break until the next lecture)? Online lectures can be very tiring.
- ⇒ There are no plans to implement pomodoro university-wide. Lecturers are free to use it of course. We recommend to address this to your lecturers directly.
12. Can MMM students retake the exams from which they are not satisfied with the exam results?
- ⇒ No! Please check your [examination regulations](#) (§19, 7). It is not possible for Bachelor students either (§17, 7)
13. (MMM) How does the curving of the exam grades work?
- ⇒ There is absolutely no curving of grades at the Business School.
14. Is there any way to give the Uni-IT feedback regarding the web UI of Ilias and Portal2?
- ⇒ <https://www.uni-mannheim.de/it/support/umfrage-zufriedenheit/>
15. Why are exams scheduled on the same date as exams for core courses?
- ⇒ The Student Services make sure that there is no overlapping of exams; they try not to schedule exams on the same day. Please note, that we only have two weeks to schedule all exams and there has to be more than one exam on one day to fit them all in.

16. (MMM) Why are there so few midterms instead of final exams?
- ⇒ During the lecture period most rooms are booked and only available during the exam period. Moreover, it is common that lectures take place once a week for the whole lecture period.
17. (MMM) Can you consider a different application process for restricted courses? It is really frustrating not getting into courses that you have planned on taking.
- ⇒ We are sorry if the allocation of places by lot did not work out for all students as planned. However, some courses need a capacity restriction because they cannot admit too many students for good reasons. We think that the selection by lot is the fairest procedure (we have tried otherwise in the past!). In total, the restricted courses make up only 10% of the MMM courses, so you have a lot of alternatives if you do not get your first choice.
18. (MMM) Is it possible to publish the examination dates the week before the new semester starts? Otherwise, there is a lot of re-scheduling/ planning involved e.g. need to change courses because their exams are on the same date
- ⇒ The Student Services are responsible for the scheduling of exams for the whole university. They make sure that exams do not overlap if you register for exams in time (they may be on the same day but not at the same time!!). Therefore, no re-scheduling and planning should be necessary for students. Please note that we have to schedule over 1000 exams per semester and that the second exam period ends right before the lecture period starts.
19. Do you know when the secondary exam dates will be published?
- ⇒ not yet; please ask the Student Services. Usually the second exam dates are published after the first exam. All second dates will be in August/September.
20. Will all exams at the end of the Semester be in Person?
- ⇒ We expect most exams to be on-campus. The university has not made a final decision yet. We keep you informed.