

Dear students,

We have emailed you to provide information explaining the arrangements for the transition from studying under corona restrictions to normal conditions with regard to examinations and progression thresholds.

Due to the corona pandemic, during the past four semesters, starting with Summer Semester 2020, various regulations were introduced to make it possible for you to progress with your studies despite adverse conditions. In particular:

- a) Extending the standard duration of study by up to four semesters, based on Art. 99 BayHSchG
- b) Lowering progression thresholds on study programmes by 30 Credit Points
- c) The option of postponing examinations (including resits) without citing a reason
- d) Flexible examination formats to allow for alternatives not stipulated in the various Programme and Examination Regulations ("SPO"s).

These special rules are now being rescinded, step by step.

The effects of this process on your studies and progression depend on the semester of study that you are now in on your degree programme. For this reason, we will outline below how the following four different groups of students are affected.

1. Students who enrolled on their current degree programme in Winter Semester 2019-20 or earlier (currently 6th semester of study or above)
2. Students who enrolled on their current degree programme in Winter Semester 2020-21 (currently 4th semester of study)
3. Students who enrolled on their current degree programme in Winter Semester 2021-22 (currently 2nd semester of study)
4. Students on master's degree programmes who enrolled on their current degree programme in Summer Semester 2022 (currently 1st semester of study)

The following regulations apply to the group who **started studying in Winter Semester 2019-20 or earlier**:

- The standard duration of study is extended across the board by four semesters, as long as you have remained enrolled on the same programme and not taken leave of absence. Otherwise, these additional semesters are reduced on an individual basis. Thus the standard duration of study is no longer seven semesters, but eleven semesters.
- All deadlines stipulated in the Programme and Examination Regulations ("SPO"), General Examination Regulations ("APO") and State Examination Regulations ("RaPO") that are based on the number of semesters are extended accordingly by four semesters across the board. Thus, for example, examinations in basic principles and orientation subjects, which §8 RaPO stipulates must be first attempted after two semesters, otherwise resulting in a grade of "5", must now be first attempted after 6 semesters, i.e. the current Summer Semester 2022, otherwise resulting in a grade of "5". Similarly, the deadline for making first attempts at all examinations, including the bachelor's thesis, is extended from nine semesters to 13 semesters.
- The progression thresholds based on Credit Points that are stipulated in the relevant SPOs remain 30 Credit Points lower until and including the forthcoming Winter Semester 2022-23. This means, for example, that students can already progress to

the advanced course having gained 10 Credit Points, rather than the 40 Credit Points normally stipulated in the SPO regulations. This allows you to sign up for the relevant majors, etc., and register for / take examinations on the advanced course.

- If you have already taken examinations on the advanced course on the basis of such a rule, you cannot revert to the foundation course.
- However, please bear in mind with regard to planning your further progress with studies that you must pass all the examinations you have not yet taken to acquire the total Credit Points required to complete your degree programme. This is particularly relevant when considering the number of examinations that you wish to take each semester.
- Other progression thresholds stated in the relevant SPO for your degree programme in addition to the two rules cited above with regard to semester numbers or Credit Points, such as the requirement to have completed the foundation course before embarking upon the practical semester, reapply with immediate effect.
- The rule allowing students to postpone examination resits expires with immediate effect. This means that, as stipulated in §10 RaPO, second attempts must be made in the following semester and third attempts within one year. It is therefore imperative that you make any second attempts this semester, also any third attempts at examinations for which the second attempt was made in Summer Semester 2021.
- The results of all examinations that you have taken during the past three semesters are official. This also applies to failed examinations. Hence you must make any second attempts, in accordance with §10 RaPO, during Summer Semester 2022; similarly, any third or potential fourth attempts.
- Examination formats are not flexible during Summer Semester 2022. This means that all examinations, including forthcoming resit examinations, will be conducted in the format specified in the SPO / Module Handbook.

The following regulations apply to the group who started studying in **Winter Semester 2020-21**:

- The standard duration of study is extended across the board by three semesters, as long as you have remained enrolled on the same programme and not taken leave of absence. Otherwise, these additional semesters are reduced on an individual basis. Thus the standard duration of study is no longer seven semesters, but ten semesters.
- All deadlines stipulated in the Programme and Examination Regulations ("SPO"), General Examination Regulations ("APO") and State Examination Regulations ("RaPO") that are based on the number of semesters are extended accordingly by three semesters across the board. Thus, for example, examinations in basic principles and orientation subjects, which §8 RaPO stipulates must be first attempted after two semesters, otherwise resulting in a grade of "5", must now be first attempted after 5 semesters, i.e. Winter Semester 2022-23, otherwise resulting in a grade of "5". In terms of deadlines, this therefore equates to being in the second semester of study again. Similarly, the deadline for making first attempts at all examinations, including the bachelor's thesis, is extended from nine semesters to twelve semesters.
- The progression thresholds based on Credit Points that are stipulated in the relevant SPOs remain 30 Credit Points lower until and including the forthcoming Winter Semester 2022-23. This means, for example, that students can already progress to the advanced course having gained 10 Credit Points, rather than the 40 Credit Points normally stipulated in the SPO regulations. This allows you to sign up for the relevant majors, etc., and register for / take examinations on the advanced course.
- If you already take examinations on the advanced course during this summer semester on the basis of such a rule, you do not revert to the foundation course.

- However, please bear in mind with regard to planning your further progress with studies that you must nonetheless pass all the examinations you have not yet taken on the foundation course to acquire the associated Credit Points. This is particularly relevant when considering the number of examinations that you wish to take each semester.
- Other progression thresholds stated in the relevant SPO for your degree programme in addition to the two rules cited above with regard to semester numbers or Credit Points, such as the requirement to have completed the foundation course before embarking upon the practical semester, reapply with immediate effect.
- The rule allowing students to postpone examination resits expires with immediate effect. This means that, as stipulated in §10 RaPO, second attempts must be made in the following semester and third attempts within one year. It is therefore imperative that you make any second attempts this semester.
- The results of all examinations that you have taken during the past three semesters are official. This also applies to failed examinations. Hence you must make any second attempts, in accordance with §10 RaPO, during Summer Semester 2022; similarly, any third or fourth attempts.
- Examination formats are not flexible during Summer Semester 2022. This means that all examinations, including forthcoming resit examinations, will be conducted in the format specified in the SPO / Module Handbook.

The following regulations apply to the group who started studying in **Winter Semester 2021-22:**

- The standard duration of study is extended across the board by one semester, as long as you have remained enrolled on the same programme and not taken leave of absence during that semester. Thus the standard duration of study is no longer seven semesters, but eight semesters.
- All deadlines stipulated in the Programme and Examination Regulations (“SPO”), General Examination Regulations (“APO”) and State Examination Regulations (“RaPO”) that are based on the number of semesters are extended accordingly by one semester across the board. Thus, for example, examinations in basic principles and orientation subjects, which §8 RaPO stipulates must be first attempted after two semesters, otherwise resulting in a grade of “5”, must now be first attempted after three semesters, i.e. Winter Semester 2022-23, otherwise resulting in a grade of “5”. In terms of deadlines, this therefore equates to being in the first semester of study again. Similarly, the deadline for making first attempts at all examinations, including the bachelor’s thesis, is extended from nine semesters to ten semesters.
- The progression thresholds based on Credit Points that are stipulated in the relevant SPOs remain 30 Credit Points lower until and including the forthcoming Winter Semester 2022-23. This means, for example, that students can already progress to the advanced course having gained 10 Credit Points, rather than the 40 Credit Points normally stipulated in the SPO regulations. This allows you to sign up for the relevant majors, etc., and register for / take examinations on the advanced course.
- However, please bear in mind with regard to planning your further progress with studies that you must nonetheless pass all the examinations you have not yet taken on the foundation course to acquire the associated Credit Points. This is particularly relevant when considering the number of examinations that you wish to take each semester.
- Other progression thresholds stated in the relevant SPO for your degree programme in addition to the two rules cited above with regard to semester numbers or Credit Points, such as the requirement to have completed the foundation course before embarking upon the practical semester, reapply with immediate effect.

- The rule allowing students to postpone examination resits expires with immediate effect. This means that, as stipulated in §10 RaPO, second attempts must be made in the following semester and third attempts within one year. It is therefore imperative that you make any second attempts this semester.
- The results of all examinations that you took last semester are official. This also applies to failed examinations. Hence you must make any second attempts, in accordance with §10 RaPO, during Summer Semester 2022.
- Examination formats are not flexible during Summer Semester 2022. This means that all examinations, including forthcoming resit examinations, will be conducted in the format specified in the SPO / Module Handbook.

The following regulations apply to the group who started studying in **Summer Semester 2022**: You are studying entirely as normal. This means specifically that:

- Any deadlines based on the number of semesters studied or Credit Points that are cited in the applicable Programme and Examination Regulations (“SPO”), General Examination Regulations (“APO”) and State Examination Regulations (“RaPO”) duly apply to your studies.
- All other progression thresholds also apply.
- The normal rules for taking and resitting examinations also apply.
- Examination formats are not flexible during Summer Semester 2022. This means that all examinations, including forthcoming resit examinations, will be conducted in the format specified in the SPO / Module Handbook.

For **students on master’s degree programmes** who started studying in Summer Semester 2020 or 2021, the regulations apply accordingly.

I hope that this information resolves any uncertainties and that you can plan your further progression with studies on this basis. If you have any questions about your own specific planning in this respect, please get in touch with the academic advisor for your degree programme. They will be able to identify any potential cases of hardship, which can then be communicated to the relevant examinations committee in order to seek a solution.

I wish you every success for your continuing studies.

Yours sincerely,

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