

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Students returning for Spring Semester of 2021 posed the following questions regarding Covid 19 as it relates to ETS House rules.

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WILL CLASSES BE GIVEN ONLINE ONLY?

Currently in Baden-Württemberg, we cannot offer classes on campus except for small group activities that cannot be done via an online format.

CAN NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS MEET IN CLASS FOR ONLINE CLASSES?

No. The only exception is for small group activities that cannot be done online.

ARE RESIDENT STUDENTS ALLOWED TO MEET IN CLASSROOMS FOR CLASS?

Residential students may use the public areas, their dormitory rooms to Zoom into the classes. However, the size of the group cannot be greater than five persons. Masks and social distancing measures apply.

CAN STUDENTS ACCESS THE LIBRARY?

All students have access to the library. Their visit must be coordinated with the librarian or her designate. No more than two students may be in the library simultaneously. See Moodle for scheduling timeslots in the library.

IS IT A REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASK WHILE INSIDE ETS? IF YES, WHERE?

Masks are not required in the residential areas. But masks are required in all other areas of the building.

SHOULD STUDENTS PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE CAFETERIA?

Yes. All students should observe social distancing measures.

ARE NON-RESIDENT STUDENT, STAFF AND FACULTY ALLOWED TO HAVE MEALS IN THE CAFETERIA?

No, except for those teaching on that day. Again, social distancing must be practiced.

ARE RESIDENT STUDENTS AND STAFF ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE STUDENT CENTER AND TRICLINIUM?

Yes

IS THE FITNESS CENTER ACCESSIBLE TO RESIDENT, NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS AND STAFF? HOW MANY PERSONS ALLOWED?

The Fitness Center is restricted only to residential students and staff. Only one person/immediate household is allowed in the fitness center at a time. A sign-in appointment log (reservation of time slots) will be available.

MAY RESIDENT STUDENTS GO HOME OR TRAVEL ON WEEKENDS?

Students may travel on the weekends with the following restrictions.

1. No travel outside of Germany (due to the quarantine restrictions)
2. No travel to "high incidence" regions (*Landkreise*) – that have an incidence rate greater than 100. (Emergency brake regulation)

WILL BOTH RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT INCOMING STUDENTS BE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE TEMPERATURE CHECKS EACH TIME THEY RETURN TO CAMPUS?

Only for students who leave ETS for more than 48 hours. We are also looking into the possibility of using rapid Covid tests (Schnelltests).

ARE STUDENTS ALLOWED TO HAVE VISITORS?

The only visitors allowed in the building are those here for official business as approved in advance by the ETS leadership.

HOW WILL MUSIC STUDENTS ATTEND CLASS?

This is quite a complex topic due to the regulations from Baden-Wurttemberg. The operation of music courses depends on the fluctuating incidence rates in our region (Landkreis FDS). If the incidence rate is lower than 50, there is more flexibility. Tentatively we will have a hybrid approach.

WHO WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CHAPEL SERVICES?

Currently we will not offer "on campus" chapel services. Instead, we will continue to live stream our chapel services.

Religious meetings of less than 10 people do not require registration with local authorities in advance. On campus students can gather in groups of 10 and less and view the stream. We will attempt to resume an on-campus chapel service after the Easter Break. No matter how things develop, we will continue to live stream the services over YouTube and/or Zoom.

WHAT ABOUT DEVOTIONS?

Devotions on Mondays and Thursdays will continue to be held online via Zoom until further notice.

WHAT ABOUT CELL GROUPS?

Cell groups for devotions are considered "religious services". Cell groups up to 10 persons without prior notification to the local authorities. For residential students, small groups will be held in person.

For non-residential students, small groups will be held online. Since there are no on-campus classes, it makes little sense for the non-residents students to drive to campus for the small group. Non-resident students should participate in their cell groups via the Internet.