



## Regulations for Studying and Teaching in Winter Semester 2021/22

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### “3G” Regulation

From the winter semester 2021/22 onwards, until further notice, the access to the buildings of TU Braunschweig and thus also to all classroom courses and classroom examinations is restricted to fully vaccinated, recovered and negative tested persons (so-called 3G regulation; cf. COVID-19 protective measures exemption regulation ([SchAusnahmV](#)) for the definition of the legal terms [in German]).

### Proof of 3G Status

The 3G status for fully vaccinated and recovered persons is proven via the EU's digital or printed COVID certificate (e.g. via the Corona-Warn-App or CovPass app) or a certificate of a negative PCR test (valid for 48h) or a negative antigen test (valid for 24h) from an approved test center.

International students please contact Ms. Filipp ([International House](#) , +49 531 391 14337, t.filipp@tu-braunschweig.de) for questions regarding corona-specific regulations, testing and vaccination certificates. According to the legal regulations, a vaccination with a vaccine approved in the EU is required for the proof of vaccination (see [SchAusnahmV](#), list of approved vaccines at [www.pei.de/EN/](#)). Persons who have already been vaccinated abroad with COVID-19 vaccines not approved in the EU require a new vaccination series to legally be considered fully vaccinated. For more information, please contact the International House.

### Interim Regulation until 17-Oct-2021

In order to enable a transition to the new regulations, there will be an interim regulation regarding testing. For courses already taking place until 17-Oct-2021 either the confirmation of an antigen rapid test or PCR test of an approved testing center or the written confirmation of a negative self-test with the form "Self-declaration for Students" can be used according to the testing strategy that has been effective up to now. Vaccinated and recovered persons prove their 3G status with the EU COVID certificate as mentioned above and additionally submit the "Self-declaration for Students".

During the interim period until 17-Oct-2021, lecturers can request self-tests for students from the Occupational Health and Safety Office (m.bollmeier@tu-braunschweig.de; Dr. Bollmeier, Tel.: +49531 - 391-4406, Ms. Pieper, Tel.: +49 531- 391-4696) and hand them out to students who have not been vaccinated or have not recovered.

**From 18-Oct-2021**, antigen rapid tests or PCR tests of an **approved test center** will be required for non-vaccinated and non-recovered persons. **Antigen self-tests will no longer be sufficient.** Therefore, students will no longer be provided with self-tests. Unfortunately, self-testing under supervision is not possible for organizational reasons.

### Mask Mandate

In all buildings and thus also in all course rooms, laboratories, and examination rooms of TU Braunschweig, masks are mandatory (surgical mask or FFP2 mask)! The following exceptions apply when ventilation rules are followed:

- Lecturers may remove their masks in lecture halls and seminar rooms if they keep the 1.5 meter distance from the auditorium.
- In examinations the mask may be removed when seated.

## Theoretical Courses

- In theoretical courses with up to 35 participants, the distancing regulations do not apply.
- In courses with 36 to 100 participants, a reduced distancing regulation applies. Courses can be held in rooms with an occupancy of up to 50% of the capacity in normal operation, e.g. in “checkerboard pattern”.
- Courses with more than 100 participants only take place online.

## Exceeding of group sizes

If the participation of slightly more than 100 students<sup>1</sup> in a theoretical course becomes necessary, or if a course with slightly more than 35 persons<sup>1</sup> without distancing becomes necessary (e.g. because no larger course room is available), an exceptional approval can be granted upon request by the responsible Dean of Study Affairs. The rooms must be suitable for the larger group. For instance, for groups with more than 100 persons, the distancing regulation (max. 50% occupancy) must be maintained. The crisis management team must be notified of the exception.

## Practical courses

In practical courses the occupancy depends on how much students have to move around in the course room and the air exchange rate:

- In practical courses where most the work is done at the workstation, no distancing is necessary, if a mechanical ventilation system ensures a sufficient air exchange rate (e.g. 8 h<sup>-1</sup>).
- Practical courses where students often leave the workstation, an occupancy of up to 50% of the capacity in normal operation is possible. The distances between the participants are to be maximized (e.g. via a "checkerboard pattern").
- If no mechanical ventilation system with sufficient air exchange rate is in operation, a maximum occupancy of up to 50% of the capacity in normal operation always applies (e.g. in a "checkerboard pattern"), regardless of whether the students move around.

There may be special regulations for practical courses in teacher training programmes:

- In school placements, the respective regulations at the schools as well as the guidelines of the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs apply.
- In the subjects Music and Physical Education, the hygiene concepts are updated according to the new guidelines in consultation with the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and submitted to the crisis management team for approval.

## Excursions

Excursions (one or more days) compliant with the 3G regulations within Germany may take place. The lecturers or coordinators are responsible for the control and implementation of the 3G regulation. Please continue to coordinate excursions abroad with the Occupational Safety and Health Office, [asig@tu-braunschweig.de](mailto:asig@tu-braunschweig.de); Dr. Bollmeier, Tel.: +49531 - 391-4406, Ms. Pieper, Tel.: +49 531- 391-4696)

## Workstations for Students

The freely available learning and working spaces (workstations) for students are open from 18-Oct-2021. The access regulations to buildings must be observed (3G) and the mask mandate applies when seated while distancing is not required. Random checks of the 3G status will be carried out by security staff.

Special workstations supervised by full-time staff (e.g. drawing studios, PC pool rooms, student initiatives) can be opened as early as 01-Oct-2021 if 3G status is checked. The responsibility for controlling the 3G status by full-time staff must be regulated and documented. The persons

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<sup>1</sup> Here, “slightly” means up to approx. 10% exceedance.

responsible for student initiatives must be notified to the crisis management team. Separate regulations apply at the university library.

### **Check-in to Courses with Proof of the 3G Status and Contact Tracing**

A digital check-in for courses at TU Braunschweig is currently being set up. The start is expected on 18-Oct-2021. The check-in system follows EU data protection standards. Detailed information with instructions will follow as soon as possible.

### **Preliminary Information about the Check-in System**

There will be central registration points at different locations on campus where students can prove their 3G status (with ID card etc.). After registration a TU-specific QR code is generated which enables a quick check in at lecture halls, course rooms, and laboratories. Whether a student is vaccinated, recovered or tested negative (i.e. the type of 3G status) is not saved in the system.

Each time when entering course rooms, the lecturers (or staff) will scan the QR code (via notebook, tablet or mobile phone). Academic staff will receive instructions for the check-in system as soon as possible.

Registration of the 3G status is necessary

- once per semester for vaccinated students,
- once for up to 6 months for recovered students (depending on the time of COVID-19 infection),
- once per course day for tested students.

The mobile check-in system also provides the required contact tracing for the health authorities.

### **In case of non-compliance with the rules**

If the access, hygiene and distance regulations are not adhered to in courses, lecturers are obligated to inform students of this. In the event of further non-compliance, students must leave the course (or examination). If this request is not complied with, the offence of trespassing is committed. If necessary, the course will have to be cancelled. We ask all participants to adhere to the rules!