

Teaching in HS21

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Because of the development of the pandemic and the progress of the vaccination campaign, on 23.06.2021, the Federal Council further eased restrictions in the area of university teaching. In the fall semester (HS21), wide in-person teaching is expected to be possible again without putting the health of students and lecturers at risk.

The previous restrictions on the number of people and room capacity for in-person courses in tertiary education have been lifted. The requirement to wear a mask continues to apply. **In a clarification at the beginning of July, however, the Federal Office of Public Health stated that in the current situation, teaching rooms may be occupied up to a maximum of two-thirds of their capacity.**

Due to uncertainties regarding the further development of the situation, all lecturers are nonetheless asked to have a plan B with an online solution ready for their courses in the upcoming semester.

In particular, lecturers in large courses (more than 200 people) must consider the possibility that a maximum number of participants may be defined. **Also, the rule of maximum occupancy up to two thirds of capacity would imply (if still valid at the beginning of the semester) that the number of students present is limited.** If the number of participants must be limited, a remote solution (podcast, audio recording, etc.) must also be provided for students who are not able to attend in person. Members of faculty are free to teach in online mode only, or to reduce the size of groups and allow alternating attendance, for example.

The crisis management team is expected to update this information in the second week of August based on the development of the situation and any applicable possible measures taken by the federal or cantonal government.

All participants - students, lecturers and other employees - are advised to get vaccinated.