

**School of Business and Economics
NEWSLETTER OF THE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2020**

Dear students:

For three semesters now, we have been using this **newsletter** to inform you regularly, i.e. once a semester, about changes in the way courses are conducted **in the medium term**, thus making it easier for you to plan your own studies. In addition, we would like to inform you about further plans for online teaching in the summer and upcoming winter semesters. We are looking forward to your suggestions and queries regarding this newsletter.

I. Online teaching in the summer and winter semester

- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our School will continue **teaching online** in the summer semester 2020. The **exam phase** is still planned from Monday, July 20 onwards. The **re-sit examinations** in the summer term will take place in the **first half of October**, specifically from October 5th to 16th. We will announce the exact dates for these re-sit examinations as soon as possible. **Cancellations** of examinations are possible until and including the **day of the examination**. However, this must be done in the **QIS portal**.
- We will conduct an evaluation of online teaching at the end of the summer semester. For this purpose, we would like to use **student surveys** and ask you to support us by participating in these surveys in mid-June and mid-July. The aim of the evaluation is to preserve the advantages of online teaching, but at the same time to identify and - where possible - to remedy any weaknesses and problems as comprehensively as possible.
- For the **winter semester 2020/21**, the President's Office of the Philipps-University has decided to continue to give priority to **online teaching**. However, we are planning to make **exceptions**, especially for some first semester courses in the bachelor's area, but also for smaller courses. The lecture period in winter semester 2020/21 starts on November 2 and will probably end on February 26. More detailed information - including information on the exam phases in the winter semester - will be announced as soon as they are available.
- In preparation for an online winter semester, we would of course be pleased to receive your **comments** and **feedback** on the progress of online teaching so far and on potential for improvement. Please address these comments to the Office of the Dean of Studies.

II. Changes in courses offered

Changes in the implementation of courses result, in particular, from **research semesters** and the **departure or arrival of professors**. The following changes within the next 18 months are already foreseeable today:

(1) Upcoming research semesters

Prof. Dr. Michael Kirk (winter term 2020/21)

- The undergraduate course "Development Economics: An Introduction" is offered.
- All other courses are cancelled.

Dr. Stefanie Brilon (winter term 2020/21)

- The undergraduate course "Intermediate Microeconomics" will be held by Prof. Dr. Korn.
- All other courses are cancelled.

Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Schulte (summer term 2021)

- The undergraduate course "International Economics" is offered.
- The undergraduate course "Introduction to Economics" is offered.
- All other courses are cancelled.

Prof. Dr. Björn Vollan (winter term 2021/22)

- For the graduate modules "Seminar Institutional Economics" or "Seminar Economic Policy" the seminar "Social Norms" is offered.
- All other courses are cancelled.

(2) Retirements

- Prof. Dr. Michael Kirk (after the winter term 2020/21)

Prof. Dr. Michael Kirk will take his well-earned retirement after his research semester in the winter term 2020/21. After the retirement of Prof. Dr. Kirk, the offer of his central courses ("Development Economics: An Introduction" (undergraduate level) and "Development Economics" (graduate level) will be taken over by Prof. Dr. Björn Vollan.

(3) New Professorships

- Prof. Dr. Oscar Stolper (in the summer semester 2020)

In the **summer term 2020**, Prof. Dr. Oscar Stolper has been appointed as a Full Professor of Accounting and Finance. This will expand the range of courses offered by this professorship from the winter semester 2020/21 onwards.

(4) Unoccupied Professorships/ Professorship Substitutions

- Professorship for Digitalization and Process Management

Unfortunately, the filling of this professorship was not successful for the summer term 2020. Therefore, the search process for the professorship will start again. We expect the chair to be filled at the beginning of the winter term 2021/22, but we are pleased that **Dr. Nadine Ostern** (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management) has been appointed as a substitute professor for the winter semester 2020/21 and the summer semester 2021. Dr. Ostern will offer courses in **Innovation and Information Management** for bachelor and master students. For the winter semester, an elective module on "Digital Process Management" in the master's program and two seminars (one each in the master's and bachelor's program) are planned. We will inform you about the exact course offerings as soon as possible.

- Chair of Entrepreneurship and Innovative Business Models

We are pleased to welcome Prof. Dr. Vivien Procher in the summer term 2020 as head of the Entrepreneurship and Innovative Business Models research group. Professor Procher will be on parental leave in the winter semester 2020/21 and the summer semester 2021. However, we were able to win **Dr. Christoph Buck** (University of Bayreuth/ Queensland University of Technology) as a substitute professor, so that this working group will also offer courses in the field of **Innovation and Information Management** for bachelor and master students. We will inform you about the exact course offerings as soon as possible.

(5) New program of studies

In the **winter semester 2020/21**, the school introduces the new **master's program "Intercultural Business Administration/Intercultural Business Studies"**. The program combines business administration with intercultural modules. It includes a comprehensive education in one of our business administration specializations, three specific modules on intercultural management, modules on research methods and interdisciplinary modules. The programs aims for graduates of our bachelor's program "Intercultural Business Administration/Intercultural Business Studies" as well as graduates of the bachelor's programs in business administration or economics. Applications are accepted until September 11, 2020. Knowledge of the German language according to DSH 2 is prerequisite.

(6) New examination regulations

For several **examination regulations**, an **amended version** will be introduced for the winter semester 2020/21. These amendments will make it possible, among other adjustments, to take the courses offered by the **new professorships** (see point 4). Furthermore, these examination regulations contain further improvements and simplifications for students. A **switch** to these **examination regulations** is possible in the winter semester and we **strongly recommend** this change. We will inform you about the details in October. Specifically, this concerns the following examination regulations:

- "Business Administration" with the degree "Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)".
- "Economics / Business Administration" with the degree "Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)"
- "Interkulturelle BWL / Intercultural Business Studies" with the degree "Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)".
- "Quantitative Accounting and Finance" with the degree "Master of Science (M.Sc.)"
- "International Business Management" with the degree "Master of Science (M.Sc.)".
- "Business Administration" with the degree "Master of Science (M.Sc.)".
- "Economics and Institutions" with the degree "Master of Science (M.Sc.)"
- "Politische Integration und Wirtschaftliche Globalisierung " with the degree "Master of Arts (M.A.)“.

(7) MARVIN

The registration for courses will continue to be handled primarily by MARVIN. For individual exceptions, please refer to the course descriptions or websites of the working groups. **Important:** Please also cancel your registration if you do not wish to continue attending an event, otherwise problems may arise with future registrations.