COVID-19 regulation for students of the Master's programme International Management

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- This COVID-19 regulation replaces the previous COVID-19 regulation, released in the University Bulletin of December 02, 2020.
- This is a special COVID-19 regulation for the Master's programme International Management at the University of Klagenfurt. This regulation applies to all students who are enrolled in the study branch "International Management" of the Master's programme at the date of release. This regulation does not apply for students who are enrolled in the study branch "International Management in the context of a double degree programme with La Rochelle Business School". This regulation does also not apply for students who are enrolled at a later date. This COVID-19 regulation is in accordance with Section 6 (1) of the curriculum of the Master's programme International Management.
- If students cannot take up their studies abroad due to COVID-19 or have to cancel their studies abroad due to COVID-19 after start of the exchange, they can complete the Master's programme without proof of the exchange semester and the excursions. The same applies if students do not want to go abroad for personal reasons associated with COVID-19.
- **Excursions:** The two excursion courses ("Study Excursion to SEE or CEE" (604.610) with two ECTS points and "Short Time Study Abroad in SEE/CEE" (604.630/631) with six ECTS points) are offered by the University of Klagenfurt, but the courses will not include a physical visit abroad. Students need these courses to complete their studies.
- **Exchange semester at a foreign post-secondary educational institution:** Students can either go on an exchange semester at a foreign post-secondary educational institution, or they can replace the exchange semester. If students go on an exchange semester, the regulation, as outlined in the curriculum, applies. If students opt to replace the exchange semester, the 18 ECTS points that have to be earned as a minimum during the semester abroad at the foreign post-secondary educational institution can be replaced by courses at the University of Klagenfurt or at other post-secondary educational institutions. Courses in the native language of the student are not allowed (exception English). Twelve ECTS points of these 18 ECTS points must cover topics related to Advanced International Management. Six ECTS points must cover topics related to Advanced Cultural Skills (Politics and Economics, Culture and History, Language Skills, Gender Issues in Culture and Business). Courses and examinations to be completed must be agreed in advance with the Programme Director of the Master's degree programme in International Management. To do this, please fill in the form "List of Planned Examinations" and send it to Siegrid Erken-Hüttner at siegrid.erken-huettner@aau.at. In addition, students have to inform the International Office in case they have applied for an exchange semester abroad but decide to replace the semester abroad.
- Please note that IM students have to complete the course Global Cultural Skills (604.650) that will be offered by the University of Klagenfurt in both, the winter semester and the summer semester, regardless of whether they spend a semester abroad or replace the exchange semester.

- If students decide to pursue the exchange semester abroad, they are welcome to do so. The International Office at the University of Klagenfurt will be happy to support them with the exchange, but they should be aware that there might be risks involved.
    - There might be travel restrictions (route cancellations, difficulties in obtaining a visa, mandatory quarantines), and these may occur on short notice.
    - The host country or the host partner institution might take measures against the spread of COVID-19 (temporary lockdowns and reduction of social/cultural activities, a transition of lectures to online/distance learning formats, and similar).
    - Please note that the University of Klagenfurt cannot be held responsible if the semester abroad cannot be started or has to be cancelled. The University of Klagenfurt is also not responsible for any financial disadvantages that may occur in relation to the exchange semester.
- This COVID-19 regulation is valid until **February 28, 2022.**