Covid-19 regulation for students of the Master's programme International Management who were nominated for the semester abroad at a foreign post-secondary educational institution in the winter semester 2020/21 or summer semester 2021

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- This is a special COVID-19 regulation for the AAU Master's programme International Management. This regulation only applies to students who have been nominated for an exchange semester abroad in the winter semester 2020/21 or in the summer semester 2021. This COVID-19 regulation is in accordance with Section 6 (1) of the curriculum of the Master's programme International Management.
- If you cannot take up your studies abroad due to COVID-19, you can complete the Master's programme without proof of the exchange semester. The same applies if you do not want to go abroad for personal reasons associated with COVID-19. Please inform the International Office if you decide to opt for this regulation.
- The 18 ECTS 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 AAU or at other post-secondary educational institutions. Courses in the mother language of the student are not allowed (exception English). Twelve ECTS of these 18 ECTS must cover topics related to Advanced International Management. Six ECTS 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.
- Please note that IM students have to complete the course Global Cultural Skills
 (604.650) that will be offered by AAU in both, the winter semester 2020/21 and the
 summer semester 2021, even if they study under the special COVID-19 regulation.
 Hence, even if the exchange semester is not taken up or gets cancelled at short
 notice mid-semester, IM students are still required to complete this course.
- If you decide to pursue your exchange semester abroad, you are welcome to do so. The AAU's International Office will be happy to support you with your exchange, but please be aware that there might be risks involved.
 - There might be travel restrictions (route cancellations, difficulties in obtaining a visa, mandatory quarantines), also on short notice.
 - The host country or the host partner institution might take measures against Covid-19 spread (temporary lockdowns and reduction of social/cultural activities, transition of lectures to online/distance learning formats, and similar).
 - Please note that the AAU cannot be held responsible if the semester abroad cannot be started or has to be cancelled. The AAU is also not responsible for any financial disadvantages that may occur in relation to your exchange semester.