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## **Regulation issued by the Rectorate of the University of Klagenfurt on special provisions concerning study matters arising from COVID-19**

Pursuant to Section 7 (2) and Section 10 (1 and 2) of the Ordinance issued by the Federal Minister for Education, Science and Research on special provisions concerning study matters at universities and teacher training colleges arising from COVID-19 (Federal Law Gazette II 171/2020) and following consultation with the Rector of Studies and the competent representative body of the Austrian student union with regard to Section 10 (1), the Rectorate hereby orders the following:

**Section 1** The prescribed restrictions as stipulated in Section 66 (2) of the Universities Act as well as Section 14 (7) Part B of the University Statutes combined with Section 66 (3) of the Universities Act regarding the completion of more advanced courses prior to the successful completion of the introductory and orientation phase are not applicable if these more advanced courses are successfully completed by 31 July 2021.

**Section 2** (1) In addition to the reasons specified in Section 67 (1) of the Universities Act, students shall be granted leave of absence for the winter semester 2020/21 upon application, if there are grounds related to COVID-19 (COVID-19 leave of absence). These are, in particular

- a. activities carried out in the interest of public safety, health care, education or security of supply;
- b. duties of care that have arisen due to the restrictions imposed by COVID legislation.

(2) Submissions pursuant to (1) may be made until the end of the extended admission period. Students must provide credible reasons justifying the leave of absence.

**Section 3** (1) If in-person exams are defined as the chosen examination method, an additional remote examination method (subsidiary mode) must be communicated in the winter semester 2020/21. This subsidiary mode comes into force when restrictions imposed by COVID-19 do not allow for in-person examinations. Both modes of examination must be indicated on the course planner before the start of the semester in accordance with Section 76 (2) of the Universities Act. The switch from on-site to remote mode must be communicated to students without delay by suitable means (e.g. website, e-mail, teaching/learning platform).

(2) Students who are unable to take an examination in the announced examination mode due to COVID 19 restrictions must be offered an alternative examination mode. Credible evidence must be provided to establish the existence of COVID 19 restrictions.

**Section 4** Any regulations in curricula that stipulate certain requirements for the registration for courses (Section 58 (7) Universities Act), for lecture course examinations and for modular examinations shall not be applied until 30 November 2020, unless there are compelling reasons for their application. The Programme Director shall make a determination as to the existence of such compelling reasons after consulting the chairperson of the relevant curriculum committee.

**Section 5** If the completion of a relevant internship as prescribed in the curriculum and of any accompanying course is not possible in the summer semester 2020 and in the winter semester 2020/21 due to restrictions arising from COVID-19, suitable alternative work may be approved by the Programme Director at the student's request. Suitable alternative activities include, for instance, practical research experience at a university or the completion of courses, but also activities in connection with COVID-19 that are carried out in the interest of public safety, health care, education or security of supply (section 3 C-HG), provided that this does not adversely affect the objective of the academic professional training in the respective degree programme.

**Section 5a** The deadline for the late submission of seminar papers and papers requiring comparable effort pursuant to Section 10 (2) of Part B of the University Statutes, which have been written within the scope of courses subject to continuous assessment during the winter semester 2019/20, is extended until 30 September 2020. The deadline may be extended by the respective course instructor in particularly justified cases.

**Section 6** (1) This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the University Bulletin and shall expire on 30 April 2021.

(2) Examinations taken or for which registration has already been effected before the entry into force of this Regulation in the summer semester 2020 shall be deemed to have been properly executed within the meaning of the special provisions, Sections 3 and 4.

(3) If registration for the examination was already possible before this Regulation came into force, the examination shall be deemed to have been properly executed within the meaning of Section 10 (3) C-UHV, if it can be proven that the students who had already registered were informed of the altered examination mode no later than at the end of the minimum period for registration for examinations resulting from Section 14 (2) Part B of the University Statutes.

(4) Section 5a shall enter into force on the day following the publication in the University Bulletin and shall expire on 30 April 2020.

(5) The promulgation formula, Section 2 (1) as well as Section 3 (1) and (2) as amended in the version included in the University Bulletin dated 25 September 2020 shall enter into force on the day following the publication in the University Bulletin.

(6) Section 1 as amended in the version included in the University Bulletin dated 16 December 2020 shall enter into force on the day following the publication in the University Bulletin and shall expire on 31 July 2021.