

Summer Semester and the Corona Virus

Dear students of English,

These are extraordinary times. The way the world has moved in the last few weeks has created a situation in which it is quite unclear where we are heading.

The Department of English is trying its best to create a sense of normality and routine in an otherwise exceptional situation.

Most significantly for all of you, we shall honour our commitment to our courses as planned, although teaching will be delivered digitally.

Courses will stay in the same timeslots allocated to them in PAUL. Teachers will use these timeslots to contact you, chat with you and - given the technical possibilities - have live online sessions with you. We will rely on PAUL, PANDA, eSeminarapparate etc. to make study material available to you and structure your learning process.

Nonetheless, we must alert you to the fact that digital learning is demanding for everybody involved, and it might be sensible to move courses which are not urgent for you into the Wintersemester. Should you choose to do so, please inform your instructor and de-register from the current course. We guarantee to anybody who is willing to move courses a place in the next semester and we will forward information on how to do this in due course.

Given the additional workload involved in self-study units of online courses, it is unavoidable that you will occasionally experience frustration and isolation. Managing four or five online courses is already a lot. Therefore, you should consider limiting the number of seminars you are taking. Success in a limited number of courses is preferable to wide-spread disappointment due to over-ambition.

At the moment it is unclear whether Klausuren (PLs) will take place in the ordinary way. Your course instructors will inform you about any developments.

For now, we ask for your patience, cooperation and support!

Let's do this together and make it work.

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