

# Corona traffic light: Orange regarding teaching and examinations from 15 March 2021

Previously valid from 3 - 16 November 2020 and from 7 December 2020 - 26 December 2020.

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TU Graz is planning to switch to ORANGE traffic light status from 15 March 2021, depending on the measures that may be taken by the federal government in the coming days. TU Graz buildings remain closed and may only be accessed with a [TU Graz card](#).

For teaching and exams, the following rules apply for the orange traffic light status:

## Courses and exams

- All courses and exams that can be held digitally must be held as distance learning courses (e.g. lectures, the lecture part of lectures with exercises, laboratory preparations, laboratory reports). Excursions cannot be conducted.
- On-site teaching of courses/examinations is only possible in the following defined cases:
  - Exceptions include e.g. parts of courses where students must use special infrastructure on site at TU Graz (e.g. laboratory equipment, model-making workshop, testing equipment, etc.) can be carried out in presence. The lecturer decides if no digital alternative is possible.
  - Courses with continual assessment, in which the exercise character and the interaction between teachers / students is didactically necessary for learning success. The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 15 students. Attendance is voluntary and students must receive a digital alternative (except for courses from the previous point, where special infrastructure of TU Graz has to be used on site). Hybrid solutions (see below for description) are preferred. Report those courses to the Deans of Studies of the Faculties by 8 March 2021 at the latest (approval is not necessary). **[New from 1 March 2021]**
  - A safety and hygiene concept<sup>1</sup> must be available. This must be presented to the Dean of Studies of the Faculty upon request.

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<sup>1</sup> Usually the safety and hygiene concept includes the following points:

- Name of the institute/laboratory
- Naming of the course and the course type
- Naming of the persons who are admitted to the course
- Maximum number of people who can be present at the same time in order to comply with the distance regulations
- Which premises are used
- How do you ensure that regulations regarding distance and hygiene are observed
- Information on how your colleagues have been trained in the necessary hygiene regulations (please make sure that these regulations can be observed, for example by providing soap, disinfectant or mouth protection)
- Which regulations apply to encounters in social rooms or are their use permitted at all
- Responsible contact person at the institute / OU, who approves and is responsible for this work
- Further specifications can be made by the dean

- Courses (especially the course type 'lecture'), where only the lecturer uses special infrastructure, are not considered an exception. Please use recording or streaming without the presence of students on site.
- On site examinations with a maximum of 15 participants may only take place if there is no alternative, i.e. if the virtual holding of the examination does not make sense and is not expedient for pedagogical and formal reasons. If, in addition to centrally organised on-site examinations, further on-site examinations are necessary during the examination weeks, these must be organised by the institutes themselves and are subject to the [regulations of decentrally organised attendance examinations](#).
- Examinations before a committee, final master/diploma examinations and doctoral examinations are generally held virtually but can be conducted in person by agreement between the parties involved.
- The central examination calendar will be continued as planned currently.
- If on site appointments last until 7 p.m. or longer, the lecturer will issue a confirmation of attendance to the participating students.

### **Zeichensäle / Studios / Learning rooms and IT learning centres**

- Zeichensäle (drawing studios) and other studios can remain open with a maximum occupancy of 15m<sup>2</sup> per person, provided that a hygiene and safety concept is in place. The maximum occupancy rate is communicated to the drawing rooms.
- Learning rooms and some IT learning centres may be used under supervision and in compliance with safety and hygiene standards.
- The rooms are to be used exclusively with single seat occupancy, grouping is to be avoided..
- The drawing studios and IT learning centres will be equipped with the contact tracing system "TU Graz check-in!", which is to be used.
- The opening hours will be limited to the time from 08:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Sunday. IT learning centers are open from Monday to Friday.

[NEW from 1 March 2021]

### **Reading areas in the libraries**

- The libraries remain open. The opening hours of the main library are daily from 08:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., those of the NAWI specialist library and Inffeld specialist library Monday to Thursday daily from 08:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 08:30 a.m. 1 p.m.
- Learning and reading areas of the libraries may be used under supervision and in compliance with safety and hygiene standards. [NEW from 1 March 2021]
- Please note that access to the library buildings is only possible with a TU Graz card or key. Please also use the contactless loan and return facilities. All information is available at [www.tugraz.at/go/bibliothek](http://www.tugraz.at/go/bibliothek).

### **Safety and hygiene measures**

- Wearing a FFP2 mask on all public areas inside the buildings and at all on-site events is mandatory. A minimum distance of two metres must be maintained and sufficient ventilation provided. **[NEW from 1 March 2021]**
- Students and teachers as well as all other persons involved who belong to a COVID 19 risk group are requested not to participate in any on site teaching or examinations.
- It is strongly recommended to regularly use the current possibilities of rapid tests (e.g. public test lanes, tests in pharmacies or doctors' practices) and to carry out tests as close as possible to on-site events. This can significantly reduce the risk of health hazards for all participants. **[NEW from 1 March 2021]**