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To our partners around the world

Dear partners,

We trust this message finds all of you well despite the current struggles and uncertainty caused by COVID-19. With the winter semester 2020/21 approaching, the following information will provide you with an overview of the recent developments here at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU). Based on complete sets of online courses in all Bachelor and Master programmes, JMU is fully operational. For the winter semester, we are currently expecting to have face-to-face teaching in academic classes again and online courses in the Language Centre. If face-to-face teaching should not be possible due to a second wave of the pandemic, the full spectrum of online courses will continue. We invite students from all our partner universities to apply for studies at JMU.

Language Courses

In the summer semester break 2020, our Language Centre is happy to offer **online-based intensive language courses**, which will take place in September. Therefore, your students may consider to arrive in Würzburg in October after they have taken the intensive language course from their home town, or to arrive in Germany at the beginning of September and combine the online intensive German course with weekend excursions to the beautiful places of Franconia and Bavaria.

In the winter semester 2020/21, all **semester language courses** will be offered online only. This might also be a good chance for your students wishing to study with us in the future to already enrol for these online language courses in order to prepare for their stay abroad at JMU Würzburg or in Germany in general. If you have students who wish to take advantage of that, please let us know.

Academic Courses

Our university is currently preparing the winter semester 2020/21, considering all possible regulations and circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to welcome your students to study on our campus while remaining flexible as changes in the teaching format and course offerings might become necessary. We will monitor the situation intensely and are in close contact with the local authorities. To be prepared for courses that may be offered online, students should bring along adequate technical equipment, e.g. a laptop or headset.

SPECIAL NOTE for students of MEDICINE: The Faculty of Medicine cannot currently guarantee the regular face-to-face curriculum for the winter semester of 2020/21, in particular clinical bedside or workplace-based training practicals/rotations. It will provide its partners with an information letter on the current and expected situation. Further updates are also posted on the following website: <https://www.med.uni-wuerzburg.de/index.php?id=221053>

Start of Lecture Period

The official start of the university's lecture period is presumably November 2, 2020, and it ends on February 12, 2021 (subject to change). However, our very popular Würzburg English Language Programme (WELP) will be held from October 12 through December 18, 2020. All interested exchange students are welcome to take part. In addition, students can take a language course through the Virtual University of Bavaria (VHB), where not only German courses are offered, but many other language and subject related courses that might be interesting for your students. All the information will be provided in our preparatory webinars and on our website.

SPECIAL NOTE for students of MEDICINE: Classes for students of higher semesters will start on October 12, 2020, and end on February 12, 2021.

Deadlines

We welcome **applications for admission** ideally until June 30, 2020.

The Student Housing Office extended the **guaranteed housing deadline** until June 30, 2020. For further information, please see <https://go.uniwue.de/living>.

Cultural and Preparatory Offers

We are happy to offer our incoming students free webinars on first steps in Würzburg and other relevant topics. They are also welcome to join the virtual coffee hour prior to their arrival to connect with other students and to ask questions or exchange experiences. We will also host several enrolment workshops in German and English via video conference making it easy for students to enrol from home and submit their documents upon arrival. In addition, we will offer workshops to finalise an application for admission. All dates and information can be found online:

<https://go.uniwue.de/firststeps>.

We would be happy to host your students in Würzburg and appreciate your partnership.

Best wishes and thank you for your support,



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