Dear students at the Faculty of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Here is an update on the preparations for the Summer Semester 2020. On April 20th the online lectures will finally start! Soon after Easter you will receive concrete information about the individual courses.

Please understand that some starts may be a bit bumpy and that perhaps not all information will be available on time. In return, the Faculty will understand if not everything goes as smoothly as it should for the students. In this special situation: it is planned that for all examinations taking place this summer semester, including the catch-up exams from the winter semester, one failed attempt will not be counted. In other words: You have a free attempt. This has already been clarified with the Chairmen of the Examination Committee and the Rectorate; the formal approval of the Examination Committees is still pending.

First of all, the English course for an easier transition to the Master’s programme should be mentioned at this point, because the registration is already this week! The 4th semester students should also consider taking advantage of this offer, because if there are as few registrations as there are now, the course will take place again, at the earliest, in two years. So think about it, after all, the previous participants enjoyed it. Here is the information how to register:

The placement test will take place on Thursday and Saturday this week. Registrations for the courses are possible until 16.4. Students who do not have a card reader can contact the ZfA Front office.

Enclosed are the most important links:


ZfA Front office: [https://www.zfa.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/org/gz.html.en](https://www.zfa.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/org/gz.html.en)

Students can also contact Ewa Behling ([ewa.behling@rub.de](mailto:ewa.behling@rub.de)), the lecturer, directly if they have questions about the course.
But now to the core program:

**information platform**
- A Moodle course will be established "Courses: Chemistry and Biochemistry Summer Semester 2020". It is planned to go online immediately after Easter, it will offer information about the individual courses.
- There will be lists, separated according to study courses, of all lectures offered and the corresponding access information.
- Registration for the courses should preferably be done in eCampus for the Bachelor’s degree and also the Master's courses, unless the responsible lecturer decides on a different procedure. Those who don’t have access to a card reader should write an email to the person responsible for the course and ask to be registered manually.
- Moodle or SciBo are recommended for the deposition of teaching material.

**Catching up on the 2nd examination date from the winter term: When and how?**
- The exams should be held as soon as possible, possibly June/July according to the current situation. The announcement period should be 3 weeks. If necessary, exceptions for late exams may be necessary to enable students to participate in practicals with prerequisite requirements.

**Practicals**
- The basic practicals of AC and OC are planned to be held as block practicals in the semester break in September.
- As far as possible, the PC practicals will be prepared in theoretical preliminary meetings already in the SoSe. Accompanying seminars will be held, for which CPs are also assigned. The practical part will be carried out in a block during the semester break.

**Research practicals and theses**
- Advanced and In-depth practicals as well as master and bachelor theses can be carried out as soon as research is possible again, at least in the low contact mode.
- The supervision of bachelor theses is considered critical, since often more intensive supervision is necessary in this case; therefore, we appeal to establish bachelor theses with a large theoretical focus as far as possible and to carry out the practical part in a shortened form after theoretical preliminary work. Scientifically demanding work can also be realized in this way.
- No clear guidelines are to be given on how exactly the practicals are to be implemented; rather, a maximum of flexibility in dealing with the practicals should be made possible.

Let’s make the best of it!

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