

Important information about the Winter Semester 2020/21 for all students (including first semester students)

Dear students,

The lecture period at the University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermansburg (FIT) begins on the 2nd November 2020. We all at FIT are looking forward to welcoming students to the campus in Hermansburg again.

Orientation Week for first semester students:

All first semester students will begin their studies on the 2nd November 2020 with the **Orientation Week** during which important information and explanations about the degree courses as well as cultural and social aspects of living on campus and in Hermansburg are given. Students, faculty members and the admin staff get to know one another in a convivial setting and entertaining way. **It is obligatory for all first semester students to attend in person the Orientation Week. Therefore, please arrive in good time before the 2nd November 2020 at FIT (see below).**

Lectures and classes during the Winter Semester 2020/21:

During the Winter Semester 2020/21 **hybrid teaching** i.e. a mixture of face-to-face and online lectures, classes etc. will take place. **Therefore, all students are required to be present on campus in Hermansburg for all lecture and class days.**

In the event of the Corona pandemic worsening, resulting in the implementation of more restrictive infection protection measures, then sole **online teaching** might temporarily be necessary. **Therefore, all students are very strongly advised to bring a personal laptop or computer with them.** A smartphone is technically not adequately equipped for participation in online lectures and classes and will hinder successful studying. Students' laptops or computers should be equipped with the latest technology and software. FIT students will be given free access to the necessary programmes.

Student arrivals:

Please plan your arrival so that you arrive on FIT campus in good time before the beginning of the lecture period and/or Orientation Week.

According to the current pandemic regulations, all students arriving for the Winter Semester 2020/21 from high risk areas must **be quarantined for at least 14 days** after their arrival in Germany. To ensure that all students concerned have completed their quarantine period before the 2nd November 2020, the students concerned must arrive at FIT Hermansburg between the **1st and 16th October**.

Students, who have rented a room on campus, please note: **arrival and check-in are only possible Mondays to Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon** and check-in appointments are to be made duly beforehand with the Student Administration Office.

We wish all students, especially the newcomers, a good and safe journey to Hermansburg.

See you soon and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

The FIT Rectorate