

Dear mathematics students,

with this mail the Directorate of the Department of Mathematics wants to cordially welcome you in the new summer semester. We also want to provide some information for you. The most important information first: on April 20 lectures, exercise classes, tutorials and even some proseminars and seminars will start **online**. The lecturers and assistants as well as the tutors are looking forward to the beginning of the classes. The coming semester will be unusual both for you and the teaching staff because due to the corona-regulation of the State of Baden-Württemberg the summer semester cannot begin in its usual form with courses-in-presence. Therefore, until further notice, we kindly ask you **not** to visit any lecture halls on campus or to come to campus for learning. Starting on April 20 there will be digital offers instead of courses-in-presence. This means that the following formats will be offered:

- Some **lectures** will be offered as videos recordings with audio supplements. These recordings can be accessed via the ILIAS-platform or via the lecture websites of the department.
- Some **lectures** will be offered as live-streams. Information on that can also be found on ILIAS or the lecture websites.
- In addition many lecturers will offer interactive communication via **discussion forum** or **chat** where you can ask questions.
- Many **exercise classes** will also take place in one of the above formats.
- Also **tutorials** will take place and there will be the possibility to hand in exercise sheets, to get them corrected and returned.
- Some **seminars** and **proseminars** will already start around April 20 in an online variant. Some other seminars and proseminars are planned to be held as block courses towards the end of the teaching period.
- The “**learning rooms with assistance**” for the beginners' classes “Analysis 2” and “Linear Algebra 2” will take place online via microsoft-teams. Times and further info can be found [here](#).
- [Here](#) you can find a quick **overview** on the courses taking place online.

Since there is a multitude of different variants of formats we suggest that you retrieve detailed information via ILIAS or the course-websites. Since “switching to online” is a completely new experience for the largest part of our teaching staff, we kindly ask you for patience and forbearance in case not everything works instantly after April 20.

Next you find some further information on the most important aspects of the teaching period in this coming summer semester:

- **access to microsoft-teams:**

Students will have access to MS-teams shortly. There are several possibilities (direct link or password) to provide you access to those teams, which are used for teaching purposes. Details will be given by the lecturers.

- **oral examinations:**

Starting with April 20 face-to-face oral examinations can take place. There is also the possibility to hold oral examinations online. Details will be arranged by the examiners.

- **oral re-examinations (=oral examinations after two failed written attempts):**
Oral face-to-face re-examinations can take place after April 20. In some exceptional cases there is also the possibility to hold oral re-examinations online. In any case, prior to the re-examination, students must be granted the possibility for a post-exam review. Details will be arranged by the examiners. For questions please contact your [study-advisors](#).
- **canceled written exams:**
Unfortunately, some written exams had to be canceled. At this moment it is not foreseeable if, how and when these written exams can be retaken. In case dates for written exams will be fixed, an announcement will appear on ILIAS or the course websites as well as [here](#) at least 4 weeks in advance.
- **post-exam review:**
In case you have taken a written exam you will surely be granted the possibility for a post-exam review. At this moment it is not foreseeable when this will be the case. Therefore, at this moment your grade sheet only shows preliminary grades.
- **orientation-exam and deadlines:**
Those students who did/do not take part in a mandatory orientation-exam between March 13, 2020 and May 12, 2020 may apply to the board of examiners to get an extension by one semester for the completion of the orientation-exam. The same applies if the maximal study time or the deadline for taking a re-examination has been reached within this period of time.
- **theses:**
Starting with April 20 face-to-face meetings with your advisor are possible in addition to online meetings. The following holds in general: deadlines for theses, which have been started before March 17 are extended by 34 days. Deadlines for theses, which have been started between March 17 and April 20 are extended proportionally, i.e., the clock starts ticking on April 20.
- **resuming courses-in-presence:**
As soon as the state government allows so, KIT plans to resume step-by-step its usual teaching routine of course-in-presence. However, it is to be expected that we have to cope with online-courses for an extended period of time.
- **IT-equipment:**
Lecturers are aware of the fact, that possibly not all students have access to very good IT-equipment. However, participation in online-courses is only possible with sufficient IT-equipment. In case you do not have access to IT-equipment and cannot borrow it from someone please contact studiendekan@math.kit.edu or the students' union. We can at least try to help you.
- **IT-donations:**
You do not need anymore your second best laptop, tablet or computer which is still running and has web access? Please inform the students' union or let us know at studiendekan@math.kit.edu. Maybe we can use your help and one of your fellow students will be very happy, cf. IT-equipment.

Please inform yourself regularly about the recent news on the [FAQ-pages](#) of the crisis unit and [here](#) on

the math website.

We wish you a very good start into the summer semester, an interesting introduction to our online offers and furthermore much fun, curiosity and success in your studies. Stay well and enjoy springtime!

The Directorate of the Department of Mathematics