

Basel, 22. April 2021

COVID-19: Health and Safety Measurements and concept of the Department of Social Sciences – valid from 26th April 2021

The following health and safety measures are regulating the use of all departmental premises at the following locations: Maiengasse 51, am Münsterplatz 19, am Petersgraben 27/29, am Petersgraben 52, Rheinsprung 9/11, Rheinsprung 21, Rheinsprung 24 und der Spalenvorstadt 2. and are based on the University's COVID-19-safety measurements and concepts (please follow the link: <https://www.unibas.ch/de/Aktuell/Coronavirus.html>). The following concept provides further details and information.

Home-Office

Home office will stay implemented as standard for all work that can be managed from home. This is a mandatory regulation and is valid for all employees.

Announcements

The restricted use of the departmental buildings will be indicated on location with according notices and signs. The following regulations of Health, Safety and Hygiene Measurements are valid and obligatory throughout all premises of the Social Sciences Department:

Access to buildings

All buildings are accessible exclusively for members of the University, with partly individual opening hours configured to specific events. On request, students can use decentralized learning rooms within the departmental buildings. External people are not permitted in the buildings.

Exception: Users of the pick-up services/self-loan stations of the libraries and participants of events authorized by the Departmental Executive Management Board. Those using the teaching/learning rooms need to register –*check in and check out* - for the room via the room specific QR Codes. This can be managed via the phil App. All accessible rooms are equipped with the individual QR Codes.

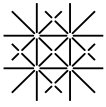
Comprehensive Mask-wearing-obligations – now also during lessons

It is obligatory to wear a nose-face mask within all buildings of the Social Sciences Department. This also applies for all office and teaching rooms if more than one person is present in the room. This now also applies for lecturers and students equally throughout the entire session of a course, seminar etc. Social distancing stays further applicable even when wearing a mask.

Hygiene Measures

All departmental buildings are equipped with hand-disinfectant dispensers at their entrances. Rooms in use need to be ventilated on a regular basis. Disinfectant will be provided for all teaching, office and communal rooms or can be enquired from the Administration on location.

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Teaching and Meeting rooms

Meetings are to be held exclusively online until further notice or at least as long as the home-office regulations are staying valid. Contacts between colleagues are to be avoided or reduced to a strict minimum.

For Teaching, the University's regulations are valid – please refer to the link below for further details: <https://www.unibas.ch/en/News-Events/Coronavirus/For-lecturers.html>

Office use on location

The use of office rooms on location is only possible and accepted in case of complicated set-ups for a home office workspace, lying beyond acceptable efforts. In this case, *one* person only is permitted to be present in the office.

Workspaces used by several people on the same day are to be disinfected in-between usage, and common used devices (printer/scanner/copy machines, telephones as well as coffee machines etc.) need to be disinfected every time before usage with special care for buttons and switches.

Common rooms and Cafeterias

Common rooms and Cafeterias can be used under the restrictions of only-one-person per room. Before usage, seats and tables need to be cleaned individually and under self-management by using the provided disinfectant materials. Brought along beverages and food are allowed to be consumed. The general and comprehensive obligation to wear a mask applies in case of no consumption of food or beverages. Apéros and lunch meetings in groups (from two people) are exclusively allowed on terraces or outside of the buildings.

Libraries

Divisional Libraries are converting from their pick-up-systems to self-loan systems again by beginning of May. Opening hours and individual terms of use can be found on the websites of the divisional libraries, please see further below. Designated workspaces can be used within these opening hours and students need to register – check in and check out – via the QR Codes.

Library Ethnology: <https://ethnologie.philhist.unibas.ch/de/fachbereich/bibliothek-infrastruktur/>

Library Gender Studies: <https://genderstudies.philhist.unibas.ch/de/fachbereich/bibliothek/>

Library Cultural Anthropology: <https://kulturwissenschaft.philhist.unibas.ch/de/fachbereich/bibliothek/>

Library Near and Middle East Studies: <https://bibliomaiengasse.philhist.unibas.ch/de/home/>

Library Sociology: <https://soziologie.philhist.unibas.ch/de/fachbereich/bibliothek-infrastruktur/>

Public Events

Until further notice, within the buildings of the Department of Social Sciences, only events directly in connection with the University are permitted and only under the premise of the current protection concept. Receptions/Apéros and joint meals are still prohibited within the buildings of the Social Sciences Department and can only take place outside of the buildings. Special event formats and events outside of the University require approval of a specific risk assessment and safety measurement concept by the Corona-Taskforce of the University of Basel. Federal government and canton specific guidelines are to be adhered to at all times.