

Information for students, Section of Chemistry, Autumn 2020

What is going to happen to lectures and tutorials this autumn? Will we be on campus or will it be via Zoom?

All lectures, tutorials and other theory classes on courses for Year 2 and above will be held online.

Only theory classes with fewer than 50 students on courses included in the first semester of Year 1 at the Bachelor level will be held on campus, with increased spacing and physical distancing. Courses in the first period of Master program have also been granted permission to hold a limited number of classes on campus.

In other words, only the following courses will have theory classes on campus during period 1:

- 1KB000 Chemical principles I (tutorials)
- 1KB007 Basic Chemistry (tutorials)
- 1KB467 Current trends in chemistry (a limited number of classes)
- 1KB468 Biophysical chemistry (a limited number of classes)
- 1KB750 Spectroscopy (a limited number of classes)

Course coordinators will provide more exact information about how these classes will be run. Please note that it is possible that classes may be divided into smaller groups that take turn to be on campus, in order to reduce crowding.

Will the roll-call at the start of a course be on campus or digital?

This depends on the course – the course coordinator will provide more information.

What is happening with labs and other compulsory practical course components?

Our aim is to retain laboratory and practical components of our courses as much as possible. These will be held on campus, with changes implemented to take in account the need for reducing the spread of infection.

This may entail some specific times to keep and/or tasks outside of the lab that are not immediately obvious from the TimeEdit timetable. Make sure you read all information from your teachers, and keep updated on what is applicable for your courses!

The schedules for compulsory classes such as lab are now set. However, the situation with Covid-19 can change quickly – make sure you keep updated. We will try as much as possible to not change the schedule for these classes.

What happens if I miss a compulsory class on campus in order to stay home when I feel ill?

It is of utmost importance that you stay home if you feel unwell – everyone must take responsibility for this, and it is a pre-condition to be able to have teaching on campus at all.

To make it easier to catch up on any missed lab classes, we will as much as is possible:

- Offer opportunities for make catch up on the missed class during the semester
- Offer, where possible, opportunities to make up for the missed class digitally.

More information will be provided during the course.

What happens if I haven't finished a course that is a prerequisite for another course because I stayed home due to illness and missed a compulsory class on campus?

In assessing eligibility for taking later courses, we are going to take into consideration the covid-situation when deciding on exemptions.

What measures will be taken in labs to reduce the risk of transmission?

We have drawn up special laboratory rules specifically for reducing the risk of transmission of covid-19. Please see the attached document – make sure you read these carefully, as with all safety regulations for labs!

The aim of these measures is to protect everyone by reducing the risk of transmission – keeping distance and washing hands are crucial for us to be able to keep teaching on campus, and for you to be able to continue with your studies!

Your vigilance in following these rules protect not only you and your classmates, but also our teachers who have to come into contact with different student groups. Help us create a safe environment for everyone!

Remember!

It is the responsibility of every single person to:

1. **Stay home if you are ill or have symptoms**
2. **Keep you distance from other people**
3. **Think about hand hygiene: wash your hands often with soap and water**
4. **Keep yourself updated about recommendations/rules, signs, times etc in the lab, and on campus in general.**