Dear students,

"Is this a real semester?"

You have probably asked yourself this question in the last few days, and in view of the mass of contradicting information and media reports on the situation at universities, this is absolutely understandable.

Today with this mail we would like to give you a clear answer on how things are for you as a student at Mannheim University of Applied Sciences and explain the regulations that apply to you.

1. Basically, Summer Semester 2020 is a regular university semester and you continue to be given the opportunity to study at Mannheim University of Applied Sciences and to gain all the credits provided for this semester.

2. As you know, due to the corona pandemic, classroom teaching has stopped until April 19, 2020 and, unfortunately, currently you have no access to our buildings on the university campus. However, this does not mean that teaching is stopped. Instead, the teaching of all subjects, as far as possible, is being offered with the help of online tools.

3. Please register for courses in Moodle (you can find them at: https://moodle.hs-mannheim.de via the faculty and the name of your lecturer). Make use of the variety of different offers, take part in the online activities and give feedback.

Teachers are relying on your actively participation. Your feedback and any suggestions are important so that formats and content offered can be adapted to better suit to your needs.

We are aware that this is a completely new situation for everyone involved and we are all having to adjust. This form of teaching and learning is still largely unfamiliar to many teachers.

The feedback so far from the faculties on online learning is largely positive.

Some alternative offers for face-to-face events have, however, not been taken up by students to the extent that we expected, and this may endanger the study success of a number of students. Please pass on this information to your fellow students, especially those in the early semesters.

We wish you good luck, good health and fun trying out the various forms of digital learning.

Best regards,

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