

Dear students,

I am addressing you to inform you about the start of the new academic year 2021/2022, which is approaching quickly.

I understand that the COVID19 pandemic has not been easy for any of us. Both for you as students, who had to deal with demanding distance learning with all its negative aspects, as well as for our teachers who had to manage online teaching whilst trying to maintain its quality. Let us however, hope that we are now in a much better situation than the last year, mainly thanks to the ongoing vaccination, although the number of infected people is currently rising slightly. On a positive note, current government regulations enable us to start the new academic year teaching in a form we were used to. Moreover, there are not any obligations to prove non-existence of disease symptoms for students participating in tuition. Nevertheless, it is still needed to be cautious.

Because of the above mentioned and in accordance with the Methodical Guideline of the Vice-Rector for Education on the Course of Teaching in the Winter Semester of the Academic Year 2021/2022 (<https://aktualne.czu.cz/en>) and other CZU internal regulations, especially the valid CZU regulations on coronavirus (<https://aktualne.czu.cz/cs/r-17005-platna-narizeni>), the Faculty of Environmental Sciences decided to apply a so called hybrid-teaching model to teaching in the new academic year. It means that teaching will mostly take place in a contact (face-to-face) way. This applies to practical sessions (exercises) that will be taught face-to-face according to the schedule. Theoretical lectures, where a large number of students are enrolled, as well as consultations for students of combined study programmes, will be organized mostly online. Teachers will offer a sufficient number of personal consultations to students and at the same time they will combine hybrid teaching with e-learning methods using especially MS Teams and the LMS Moodle. They will also provide students with sufficient quality study support materials. The teaching conditions are described in detail in the Dean's Regulation No. 3.

As for communication, course guarantors are obliged to inform students about the form of teaching no later than by the beginning of teaching in the coming semester, which is **by September 26, 2021** at the latest. The course guarantors will also provide detailed information on the organization of teaching, conditions for obtaining credits and passing exams no later than by the end of the first week of teaching, which is **the week from September 27, 2021**.

In case of questions concerning the administrative agenda of the Study Administration Office, please contact the Head of the Study Administration Office, Ing. Renata Beránková. If you have any questions regarding the courses, please contact the course guarantors. In case of more complex questions or when facing problems, please contact the Vice-Dean for Teaching and Learning as. prof. Jan Skaloš, Ph.D. For other

questions, it is possible to contact the Study Counsellor Klára the Donkelaar, MA ([Counselling for Students - Faculty of Environmental Sciences CZU Prague](#)).

Thank you for your understanding. I do believe that this form of teaching will not only allow us to return to face-to-face teaching, which will transfer knowledge to students, but also to much needed personal interaction between students and teachers. At the same time, I am convinced that this "hard-learned" but valuable experience with online learning will allow us to use e-learning appropriately where it is justified and functional.

I wish you a lot of patience, strength and health in the new academic year 2021/2022.


Regards,

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