Information for Erasmus Exchange Students for the Winter Semester 2020/2021

Dear students,

Welcome to the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Leipzig!
Please find enclosed some important information for your stay in Leipzig:

**Academic dates**

**Winter semester**
- Lectures: 05/10/2020 – 18/12/2020
- 04/01/2021 – 29/01/2021
- Christmas Break: 21/12/2020 – 03/01/2021
- Exam period: 01/02/2021 – 12/02/2021

**Concerts/Events**

In the **Big Hall** (Grassistraße 8), maximally 150 listeners are admitted. Entrance is only granted with a valid seat ticket (for free events) or admission ticket (for events with costs). In the case of the necessary reservations, the contact details of the visitors are recorded and stored for a limited period for any necessary verification. Tickets can be reserved in advance by phone at 0341 - 2144 615.
There will be no catering. Checkroom services will not be provided; coats are requested to be taken to your seat. The chairs not to be occupied are marked.

In the **Chamber Music Hall** and in the **Rehearsal Hall** (Grassistraße 8) maximally 40 listeners are admitted. Guests from outside the University are admitted by personal invitation only; their number is limited to 20. The chairs not to be occupied are marked.

In the **Wintergarten** (Grassistraße 1) and in the **Musiksalon** (Dittrichring 21) maximally 15 listeners are admitted. The number of guests from outside is limited to 7. The chairs not to be occupied are marked.

In the **Black Box** (Dittrichring 21) max. 30 listeners are admitted. The number of guests from outside is limited to 15. The chairs not to be occupied are marked.

Within the HMT, it is obligatory for all visitors of the concerts/events to wear a mouth and nose cover up to the seat.

The HMT website provides daily updates on the concerts/events taking place.
Courses

Seminars / Lectures / Small group lessons in music theory subjects
We recommend using online formats for these courses. Otherwise, a distance of at least 1.5 m between participants must be maintained in all seminars and lectures. We ask all lecturers to check whether this distance can be guaranteed in the rooms provided for their courses. Due to different spatial conditions, it is not advisable to set a flat-rate number of participants in relation to the size of the room. The available space is limited by, among other things, tables, wings, etc. If this distance regulation should make it impossible to hold a course in the planned form and room alternatives are not available, hybrid variants are recommended. Once again, please note: If online formats are feasible and sensible, as in the summer semester, the recommendation of the Rectorate applies to this form of teaching.

Individual lessons / individual lessons with répétiteurs / ensemble lessons
Individual lessons, also with répétiteurs, can take place without any restrictions, of course in accordance with the rules of distance. Further details on the specific specialties are listed in HMT's hygiene concept, which is regularly updated in close cooperation with the accident insurance company. Ensemble lessons with more than four persons in one room are only possible in sufficiently large rooms.

Chamber music lessons and rehearsals with piano
Are possible, as in June and July, upon reservation in advance and subject to availability of space in the Rehearsal Hall (different days) and in the Chamber Music Hall (only on Fridays between 12.00 and 18.00). As a reminder: the already known order of precedence "examinations go before appointment commissions go before teaching go before ensemble rehearsals" applies here. The use of the rehearsal hall for individual practice is not permitted.

Scenic lessons / movement lessons
For these courses, the existing distance rules are also strictly observed. It is requested that the teaching models and learning contents be designed based on the hygiene concept. A personal note: The Rectorate is very aware of the problematic situations that arise from such restrictive guidelines; however, we ask for your understanding that recommendations regarding the design of lessons cannot be given by outside parties for obvious reasons. Since there are clear regulations regarding teaching requirements (students) and working hours (teachers) as well as the well-known limited space resources, creativity and solidarity in dealing with each other are currently more important than ever.

Choir rehearsals
There will be no compulsory choir work in the winter semester, and choir rehearsals can currently only be held to a very limited extent. Small choral groups (e.g. for practical training in conducting church music / teaching choral conducting school music) of about 8 participants are allowed to rehearse, if a distance of 3 m to the front and 2 m to the side can be maintained. Larger choirs (university chamber choir, university choir, jazz choir) unfortunately have to take a break.
Hygiene Concept
The Robert Koch Institute has named risk areas under the following link: https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

If you have stayed in one of these risk areas within the last 14 days or have had contact with a corona patient, please note the following – even if you do not feel any symptoms of the disease:

• if possible, stay at home for 14 days (= incubation period) after returning from the risk area

• in the event of acute respiratory symptoms of any severity, with or without fever, inform the relevant health authority and, after making an appointment by telephone, see a doctor, especially if you have been travelling in one of the risk areas (you can find your local health office here: https://tools.rki.de/plztool/)

• in the event of a positive test for SARS-CoV-2, you are obliged to inform the Student Office about it

In general, the following applies to everyone:

• ensure adequate hand hygiene and coughing and sneezing etiquette (coughing and sneezing in the crook of your arm) and refrain from shaking hands

• avoid unnecessary contact, crowds of people and keep a distance of one to two metres to the person opposite you

• please only enter the university building if you are free of symptoms of illness

• only use the rear entrance (car park)

• it is compulsory to wear a face mask in all the buildings of the HMT Leipzig

For more information see: https://www.infektionsschutz.de/hygienetipps.html (in German)