

Dear all teachers of Natural Sciences and Technical Sciences,

In a short time, the teaching will start up again on all our educations. The Covid situation means that many aspects of teaching will be affected in this fall semester. This e-mail is intended to give you an overview of the situation in relation to the planning of the teaching in the autumn semester and the framework that will apply.

Last week, the university management discussed general principles for the teaching in E20. On this basis, NAT and TECH have drawn up a general set of principles for how we will handle the situation, see attached files. It is the departments' responsibility to ensure that the teaching is conducted in accordance with current rules.

The autumn teaching plan is just being published and you will all receive additional information tomorrow on how it should be interpreted and the issues you need to pay special attention to. We plan to divide the new 1. year bachelor students into fixed study teams of up to 30 students. This enables a deviation from the general recommendation of a distance of 1 meter in cases where this is deemed necessary in order to be able to carry out the teaching in an appropriate manner. Fixed study teams will increase our opportunities to utilize the room capacity, and help to ensure the new students a study routine that is as close to normal as possible.

Fixed study teams will also be possible for 2nd year bachelor students in some programs. Information about this has been sent to the departments where the final decision on implementation will be taken. During the week, information will be sent out further information about the special conditions that will apply to the use of fixed study teams, including how we should relate to students who are not part of a fixed study team, e.g., supplementary subject students (sidefagsstuderende) and external students as well as students with need to follow a course again.

Please note that for practical reasons, fixed study teams cannot be formed in our B.Eng. engineering programs (diplomingeniør). Likewise, fixed study teams will not be used for 3rd year bachelor students and master's students.

All communication to teachers and students will be made available on the staff member webpages for teaching and examinations at resp. [NAT](#) and [TECH](#). We will also make sure that all teachers are kept informed about the communication sent to the students. The first briefing for students is scheduled to be sent out today. In addition, reference is also made to [AU's corona website](#), which has been updated with guidelines for managing symptoms and infection among staff and students.

Students who for health reasons cannot participate in the teaching through physical attendance can be offered help through AU's extended [study assistant scheme](#).

We are aware that there is a challenging task ahead of us all securing that teaching is carried out the best possible way despite the covid situation and the restrictions it entails. We hope for your understanding and support once again.

Best regards,
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