



Information for Students from the Energy Crisis Team

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Dear Students,

We are sure that you have already heard that the University of Greifswald's Energy Crisis Team is preparing for possible emergency situations based around three scenarios. Below you will find all of the information that is relevant for you.

We would like to point out that the University will do everything within its power to minimise the negative effects of emergency situations caused by the energy crisis on the successful completion and length of your studies.

Scenario 1: There is no heating. Normal supply of electricity.

Communication:

University website, social media, email

Teaching:

The university governance will decide whether teaching is to switch to digital formats. Members of teaching staff should be prepared for this change. Therefore, the transition to digital teaching formats will be linked to a teaching break of three workdays between the last in-person classes and the first online classes. This will give us all the chance to get ready for the new situation. Whether laboratory work and practical courses can be continued will be decided by the respective members of teaching staff at the institute. This decision is subject to the university's duty to look after the members of its community and the varying on-site conditions.

Mensa (cafeteria):

The *Studierendenwerk* (Student Services) informed the Energy Crisis Team that it is generally possible to keep the *Mensa* running with no heating.

Library:

As the Departmental Library on Ernst-Lohmeyer-Platz is heated with geothermal energy, it will remain accessible (at first) to users. Due to the low temperatures, it will not be long before other locations are only accessible for loans. The University Library will also contemplate switching to a delivery service from the locations with no more heating.

Exams:

In accordance with § 2a(4) RPO and following consultation with the Deans and the Chairperson of the Senate, the Rectorate will determine the presence of force majeure.

From this point onwards, all examinations will be held in digital formats. Alternatively, examinations can be postponed.

If examinations are postponed, or the format is changed, the withdrawal possibilities of § 2a(6) RPO shall apply.

Warming centres:

Plans have been made for 21 warming centres throughout the town. You can go there for a hot drink and stay there for a short amount of time, e.g. to exchange information. An overview of the locations of the warming centres can be found here:

<https://www.greifswald.de/bevoelkerungsschutz> [de].



Scenario 2: Short-term (several hours to 3 days) power cut

Communication:

Notices will be put up in all university buildings and institutes

Teaching:

If this scenario occurs, all teaching will be cancelled.

Mensa (cafeteria) and Library:

The *Mensas* and University Library may be able to maintain emergency operations for a short period of time. Without electricity, it will not be possible to permanently run systems, the heating, toilets and security systems; therefore, the buildings will need to be vacated quickly.

Power cuts in other regions can also affect the services provided by the University Library (catalogue and loans system, electronic media etc.).

Exams:

Examinations will not be held, neither in person, nor in digital formats.

Scenario 3: Power cut of more than three days. Emergency power is no longer available.

Communication:

Notices, flags at central locations and on buildings

General operations:

Normal operations are no longer possible.

Teaching:

The university governance will use all available information channels to inform you about when teaching will recommence, including the flying of a smiley flag outside the main building.

Contact:

For any questions or suggestions, please contact energiekrisenstab@uni-greifswald.de.