

INFORMATION ON THE COVID-19 SUMMER SEMESTER 2020

April 7, 2020

Dear students,

my programme will start as scheduled in the week of **April 20**, but as long as official restrictions are in place all contacts will be virtual. I do hope we will be able to switch back to good old normal classes and real office hours in the course of the semester. For the time being, the only way to avoid complete chaos is to stick to the timetables published, but of course some flexibility and patience will be required from everybody. At this point I have no, and I mean no, idea how exams can be organised in July, but I am still cherishing in my heart the idea of holding exams in week 14 of the semester.

The lecture **Introduction to English Linguistics I: Theory and Structure** will be recorded and made available as a video file every Wednesday in the *Mediathek* of the University Library. Participants are requested to enrol for the course on the digital learning platform *GRIPS* where the links and all further information will be posted. Follow this link to the *GRIPS* page: [28965](#). (An account will be created for you if you are new to the University of Regensburg and this is the first time you access the platform.)

Please show the self-discipline to watch the 90-minute sessions on a weekly basis as binge-Schleburging in July is likely to diminish both your love for linguistics and your chances of success. Bear in mind that the weekly seminar **Understanding English Linguistics** follows a parallel syllabus so it is essential to keep pace.

My seminars

Understanding English Linguistics I: Theory and Structure,	42430
Altenglische Sprache und Kultur,	28975
Altenglisch für Fortgeschrittene,	28979
Mittelenglische Sprache und Kultur,	28976
Mittelenglisch für Fortgeschrittene,	28982
Altenglisch und Mittelenglisch für Examenskandidaten,	28979 / 28982
and the Exercises in Phonemic Transcription	28973

will, if the web resources bear up under the load, take place at their scheduled times as *Zoom* conferences. Participants are requested to enrol for the respective courses on *GRIPS*, where I will post the invitations and additional materials. Digital attendance will be checked, and access restricted if necessary, in courses for which a registration

was required and credits are awarded. Exam candidates are welcome to listen in everywhere as bandwidth allows.

Please prepare your digital devices in time to join the conferences. To participate you will need a microphone and headphones/ speakers (or a smartphone) and a stable internet connection. The app will be installed very quickly when you use it for the first time. Please join the digital classrooms with your real names so we can engage in civilised communication online – I suppose we'll all have to practise that a little bit anyway. More technicalities will be discussed in the first session.

The only course you need a textbook for is **Mittelenglische Sprache und Kultur**, where we will work with OBST & SCHLEBURG, *Die Sprache Chaucers*, as announced.

The exercise **Examensrepetitorium Sprachmittlung** has to be cancelled but I will keep the *GRIPS* page open so exam candidates can access my collection of exam texts and a few helpful handouts: [28977](#). Please understand that I have no time to mark your translation homework but I will gladly share my experience as an examiner and answer individual questions in my office hours.

My **office hours** will be held as scheduled on Wednesdays, 11 to 12 AM. During this time I will be available by video chat at <https://chat.uni-regensburg.de>. Log in with your NDS account and send me a direct message. I will take your call and enter your virtual room as soon as I am free.

Should you want to have a look at a written exam or need a BAföG certification please contact me so we can arrange the exchange of physical material in the letterbox in front of my office (PT 3.2.82) or, in urgent cases, by mail.

This semester will undoubtedly be a huge challenge for all of us, and everything I am so pompously announcing in this document may become obsolete or prove impossible a few hours from now, but once you are enrolled for any of my courses on *GRIPS*, I can keep you posted. And I most certainly hope that we can show that our thirst for knowledge and our commitment to reason is stronger than the limitations imposed on us by the situation.

I sort of look forward to taking on this challenge with you and wish all of us a fruitful time. See you on the screen – and stay cool and healthy!

Florian Schleburg