Dear student,

First of all, we hope that you are still doing fine and all your loved ones are healthy and well! We are under the impression that everybody, students, lecturers and staff alike, are slowly getting used to this strange situation. However, that does not mean that everything goes 100% perfect. We are of course still working on the challenges and uncertainties that come along with the great changes we are currently experiencing.

We are impressed with your patience and we are thanking you for your continuous efforts to study on.

The university came up with new measures that will influence the course of your studies. We will explain them below.

**Measures will continue for Block 6**

This afternoon, it has been decided to continue teaching online throughout the entire block 6. This also means that you don’t have to be in class for the rest of the semester. Please consult Canvas for information regarding your courses (note that currently, not all Block 6 courses are adapted yet; teachers are working hard to adapt their courses to the new situation).

**Message from the ombudsstudent:**

Your ombudsstudent Timothy Dörr is of course experiencing the same changes as all of you. However, he wants you to know that nevertheless he will try his best to help you out, in case you encounter any obstacles. Please click [here](#) to view the message he recorded for you.

**How do I study from home?**

For many of you, studying from home is new and different. We all know how it can take some time to get used to. Maybe you struggle with motivation, with constant distraction or with creating a workspace that is comfortable to study in. The UvA came up with some tips for studying at home, that will hopefully make the transition to your new study environment a bit smoother.

[www.uva.nl/studying-at-home](http://www.uva.nl/studying-at-home)

**What measures have been taken by the university so far?**

We have shared all measures with you via e-mail in the previous corona updates. If you want to make sure you did not miss anything you can consult [uva.nl/coronavirus](http://uva.nl/coronavirus).

**Let us and each other know if you have tips, tricks or concerns**

Even though we are physically separated, we need to share positive experiences as well as worries. If you are not doing well, for whatever reason, please make sure to seek help. May it be from fellow students, the study advisers, your lecturers or the ombudsstudent. You are most likely not the only one struggling.

**Where do I go with questions?**

If you have questions about a specific course, please contact your lecturer.
The methods desk cannot be visited in person. You can send them an email via methodsdesk-cs-fmg@uva.nl with your question. They will respond as soon as possible.

For general questions you can contact the study advisers.

It is not possible to visit the Education Desk/Study advisers in person. The Education Desk is reachable via phone: 020-5253003 or email: educationdesk-cs@uva.nl.

If you want to talk to the study advisers you can make a phone appointment via the Education Desk.

For general information about the UvA and the coronavirus visit this site or send an email to: coronaquestions@uva.nl

Stay safe and take care,

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