Deviations from course syllabus to prevent further spreading of COVID-19

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Background/motivation
There is currently a spread of COVID-19 in society. The university follows the Public Health Agency of Sweden’s recommendations regarding COVID-19. In addition, the Vice-Chancellor makes any decisions necessary.

The university’s ambition is that teaching and assessment will continue to the greatest extent possible. At the same time, the university is also working actively to reduce the spread of disease. This results in the need to allow exceptions from course syllabi concerning the forms for teaching and assessment.

It is the opinion of the Swedish Higher Education Authority (UKÄ) that changes in course syllabi may be made in retrospect. If the matter should be reported, UKÄ will not criticise a university that has urgently revised the examination format for reasons of disease prevention without having first made revisions to the course syllabus.

Decision
The Vice-Chancellor has reached the decision that, from 17 March 2020 until the end of the spring semester, deviations from a course syllabus regarding forms for teaching and assessment may be made when necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The person who normally make decision on course syllabi and examination makes these decisions of necessary deviations and ensures that the decision is well-documented and archived. In those cases where the examination requires access to a computer or internet connection, students must be offered such aids that allow them to participate from a technical perspective.

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