



Just as Gabriel García Márquez famously wrote *Love In the Time of Cholera*, so, too, we as members of the University of Stuttgart should write our own story about social interactions during this time of the current pandemic.

Below you will find some tips on how we can approach the present challenges in solidarity!

1. Stay informed!

Check the university's [Corona Website](#) regularly! Here you can find the current newsticker, FAQs, our Corona guidelines and hygiene concept, the valid Corona statute regarding examination regulations, in addition to information about the application process, the registration of exams, and the procedures for leaves of absence and financial aid.

2. Keep in touch!

The lack of personal interactions is especially painful now when you are not attending classes in person and cannot meet up in the classroom, the library, the cafeteria, or attend parties or university sporting events. Are there any fellow students who you haven't seen in a long time? Do you notice that some students infrequently engage in online seminars? Stay in touch, meet offline in the park, or online in our [Webex room](#) where students can receive personal updates. Moreover, the student organisation [stuvus](#) and other [student representative groups](#) offer numerous opportunities for interaction.

3. Take care of yourselves!

Are you sitting at your desk all day and work just keeps piling up? Think about your own wellbeing and take a break. Going for a walk or meeting someone for a drink of your choice can help! 😊

4. Support each other!

Do you have an old laptop that you can spare for a student who is not well-equipped? Do you have any important information to share that could be useful to others? Why not establish a private laptop exchange platform, or create a messenger group that could serve as an information channel? Are you a member of the student body of Faculty 9 and would be willing to support the incoming class of freshmen in the winter semester 20/21 as a mentor? If, yes, then apply to the mentoring program [Rookie meets Pro!](#)

5. Find new sources of student financial aid!

Has the pandemic caused delays in your studies? Did you lose your part-time job and are now struggling to get by?

Verify if you are entitled to [BAföG](#)! On the website [ArbeiterKind.de](#), you can find an [overview of funding opportunities](#).

6. Get help!

Have you lost track of your studies? Do you need help with your time management or exam preparation? Do you feel like being cooped up at home is making you go mad?

Check out the [counseling services](#) at the University of Stuttgart and make an appointment at one of the following resource centers:

- [Academic Advisors](#)
- [Studienlots*innen \(student support advisers\)](#)
- [Learning Counseling](#)
- [Commissioner for students with disabilities or chronic diseases](#)
- [Psychotherapeutic Counseling](#)

In case of questions or comments regarding solidarity and corona, please do not hesitate to contact the [working group for education and social inequality!](#)