Instructions for dealing with the CAU University Board’s guidelines on wearing a niqab (face veil)

These guidelines refer solely to face veils. Headscarves (or hijab) which do not obscure the face must be distinguished from this as a permissible form of religious clothing and are excluded from the ban. The ban is to be interpreted restrictively. It refers exclusively to situations in the field of teaching and studying. Wearing face veils is not permitted in lectures or courses which include safety-relevant aspects (fire protection in labs, etc.), and the wearer must be excluded from the corresponding lecture or course. The same applies to practical sports exercises. Forcible implementation of the ban should be avoided.

In addition, participation in examinations must be denied, as face veils make it impossible to identify a student and it is therefore not feasible to ensure whether the person who registered for the examination is actually the same person who takes the examination. If a student wearing a face veil sits a written examination despite the ban, this will not be graded as examination performance. Under certain circumstances, if it is not possible to clearly identify the person in question, personal details or documents related to a degree (such as announcing grades, handing out final documents, certificates, etc.) will not be announced.

Wearing a face veil outside of lectures, on campus, is permitted and not covered by these guidelines. Please contact your Dean's Office if there are any conflicts while implementing these guidelines.

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