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To all students of
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Advice to students of the Faculty of Civil Engineering due to the COVID 19 pandemic
Organization of the course of study in the summer semester 2020
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Dear students of the Faculty of Civil Engineering,

As you can see from the emails from our university management, the summer semester will unfortunately have to run differently than usual. The entire TU Dresden is currently in "emergency mode", all presence activities in connection with teaching, research and administration are suspended. As far as possible, all employees of our faculty work in the home office and can still be reached by email. All institutes as well as the study office, examination office and dean's office work on the basis of emergency plans that are intended to maintain the operational capability of the TU Dresden. The TU Dresden has deployed a corona crisis team and a planning team for teaching to reflect the current requirements in an organizationally appropriate manner.

We have summarized the most important regulations known so far for the beginning of the summer semester 2020:

A) Decision structure for teaching at TU Dresden:

1. The Corona Crisis Unit of the TU Dresden lays down basic principles for teaching and testing until the resumption of classroom teaching.
2. Within these stipulations, the "Planning Staff for Training Operations", under the direction of the Vice-Rector for Education and International Affairs (PBI, Prof. Dr. Krauthäuser), organizes the teaching and examination operations until the face-to-face

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teaching operation is resumed.

3. Within the stipulations of the Corona Crisis Staff and "Planning Staff for Training Operations", the sponsors of the degree programs act on their own responsibility, with the maximum involvement of the established bodies (study committee, faculty council, examination board).

4. Teachers and examiners act on their own responsibility within the stipulations of the sponsors of the degree programs.

B) Training

1. By decision of the rectorate and in coordination with the other universities in Saxony, the start of classroom teaching (teaching that takes place on the premises of the TU Dresden) was basically postponed from April 6, 2020 to May 4, 2020.

2. In spite of the postponement of the start of the classroom courses, teaching in the summer semester normally begins on April 6, 2020. Recipients of BAföG can be certified by the examination offices. An extension of the lecture period is currently not intended.

3. In the period from April 6, 2020 until the start of the classroom courses, teachers may switch to alternative forms of teaching. The right of students to teach is given here via the otherwise obligatory link to the form of teaching.

4. The faculty is currently endeavoring to provide students with alternative courses for the individual courses until the beginning of the attendance phase (online courses for lectures, digitally available documents for self-study, learning guides, etc.). You can find more information on the respective homepages of the institutes and those responsible for the modules as well as in OPAL.

5. The course coordinators will set up OPAL courses for communication with the students in the courses in the summer semester in a timely manner (until March 30, probably). Students are asked to register for these courses. Further communication takes place via these courses or learning groups set up in OPAL.

6. Please ensure that you regularly check and read all e-mails that arrive via your TUD mail account. Your TU Dresden email account and the information we send to you via OPAL are the communication channels to inform you about the unscheduled teaching in the next few weeks. This is also of great importance, because at the moment we cannot foresee how the situation will develop in the coming weeks.

7. From today's perspective, the meetings of the examination board and study commissions will take place, probably via internet-based forms of communication. This means that you can or must continue to submit the corresponding applications on time by email.

8. If, due to the current situation, special circumstances prevent you from studying in the upcoming summer semester, you may be able to apply for a holiday semester.

C) Exams:

1. You can find further up-to-date information on the submission of diploma and master theses, dealing with deadlines, etc. on the homepage of the examination office or by email to all students. If tasks contain parts that can only be processed in the rooms of the TU Dresden or, for example, the SLUB and if these rooms should not be accessible, an extension of the processing time can be formally requested from the examination board for an important reason. The approval of the examination board usually requires the approval of the supervising university lecturer.

2. Further information on the documentary work of individual institutes, especially in the context of pre-examination work, is published on the homepages of the individual institutes or via OPAL.

3. All those responsible for the module are required to send the grade announcement of the exams in winter semester 19/20 to the examination offices within the usual deadlines.

4. About the internship report (see also email from Ms. Oppermann to the students from March 24, 2020): The deadline for submitting the internship reports for enrollment in BIW2-01 in the summer semester 2020 ends on April 15, 2020. Please submit the internship report by e-mail as a PDF, as usual, signed by the company and confirmation of the company on the company letterhead, and the completed and signed cover sheet (according to the template) to Prof. Wellner by April 15th, 2020. Please enter "internship report" as subject. Submission is also possible via the Uni-Cloud, then please send an email to Prof. Wellner with the corresponding link for download.

The formal start of the thesis in the absence of an internship report and the associated module BIW2-01 is only possible with the approval of the examination board. For this purpose, the students must submit a substantive application to the examination board.

5. No statements can currently be made regarding the procedure of the examination organization at the end of the summer semester 2020, for example regarding a second retake. As soon as it is foreseeable when the face-to-face operation will resume, concrete statements will be made. Until then, the known registration and examination periods as well as examination regulations apply.

6. Use only your TU Dresden e-mail address for e-mails to our faculty (examination office, etc.).

D) Basics:

1. Please note that all of the above points can of course only relate to the offers of our faculty that we can control. For courses offered by other faculties, please inform yourself there.

2. In our decisions we endeavor to support you as far as possible in the course of your studies and to avoid disadvantages for you from the current situation.

3. ERASMUS students who are starting their studies at the TU Dresden in the coming summer semester are advised to postpone the planned stay abroad in view of the extraordinary situation, the at least partially missing face-to-face events and the serious cuts in cultural life.

All members of the TU Dresden will do their utmost to ensure that you can continue your studies properly. Switching teaching from presence events to new forms of teaching is a great experiment for all of us. In particular, it also requires your commitment to self-study and your continuous cooperation. Help each other and keep in touch with the student council, which is particularly important for communication between teachers and students during this time.

If you have any questions about individual courses, in particular the offer of alternative forms of teaching, please contact the person responsible for the module directly.

Yours sincerely

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