

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

today we can take a more relaxed view of the story with the **start of the semester without a lecture hall**, because the preparations have really started well.

In the superordinate Opal course

<https://bildungsportal.sachsen.de/opal/auth/RepositoryEntry/23116349497/CourseNode/91449070526132>

we have filed the large course catalogue with the opal links of the courses and also extended it several times; this evening we will probably have another update, because we have to add two or three more courses, but then it should be complete. It would be useful if you would sign up for the course, as it gives me a quick way to inform you about news.

In addition, we ask you once again to **register immediately for all courses you wish to attend this semester**. Then the lecturers can contact you and inform you how the semester starts.

In the meantime, most of the open problems we had have been solved so far and based on this, there are already finished concepts for **teaching without a lecture hall** for almost 300 courses in MW - as you can see: we have reacted quickly and also have a good plan how all this can be done without any harm to you.

Since we are at the start of the semester, we also have to complete the catalogue modules - as always.

The catalogues for the courses to be taken will be finally decided by the study commissions at their meeting on 15.04.2020. Until 09.04.2020 you all have the possibility to apply for the admission of further courses for these catalogues. Please use the form "Antrag Fächerkataloge" (<https://tu-dresden.de/ing/maschinenwesen/studium/beratung-und-service/pruefungsamt/formulare-infos#section-4>), which contains information about the title of the course, the name of the person responsible and a short summary of the contents with indication of the SWS. The application has to be submitted to the examination office, at the moment please by mail, until 09.04.2020. Please also note to apply for the courses for the correct catalogue according to your examination regulations. After this date, it is no longer possible to obtain exceptions by submitting applications to the Examination Committee.

As a preliminary note: Please do not forget to register all selected courses for the examinations in the summer semester 2020 in the corresponding module of the HISQIS.

And another note for distance students: You should best orient yourself by the offers in the lists.

When selecting the courses you want to apply for, always remember that the modules must be completed with examinations only. Therefore all rules for examinations apply, especially the obligation to register! And it is advisable to check what is offered for the distance learning courses...

Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns about the whole situation with regard to teaching in these weeks, please send them to kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de and please use your TUD mail address (as opposed to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

And finally, a small request on my own behalf: We, that is, the Examinations Office and I myself are working at the absolute limit at the moment and I ask for your understanding if we cannot complete every process immediately or more quickly. At the moment we are forced to prioritize according to importance and a BAföG discontinuation today clearly has a higher priority than a problem that might occur at the end of April. We take care of all concerns and make every effort to be as fast as possible!

We will continue to prepare everything in such a way that you get a decent semester!

Stay healthy!

Stefan Odenbach