

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

the first day with "teaching without a lecture hall" is slowly coming to an end. The first lectures have been held in the new formats and the feedback I have received so far has been quite good. And this applies to both students and teachers, so I hope that we have successfully overcome the first hurdle.

Nevertheless, new questions arise continuously, to which I will try to give answers here:

- One of the few lecture failures concerns vehicle aerodynamics. And because this is in the 8th semester (or in the 4th semester of the postgraduate studies), you can't simply make up for it next year, because then you should already have finished your studies. That's why we are currently searching intensively for substitute subjects. This means that we assume that at the meeting of the Academic Commission on Wednesday next week (15.04.) a substitute course or better still a small catalogue of possible substitute courses can be decided upon.
- Often people ask how it looks like with still outstanding grades from WiSem2019/2020. Here all examiners are reminded to enter the grades promptly.
- In this context, the question of insights from written exams comes up again and again - I can only repeat it once more: There will be respective possibilities, but only when we return to more normal operations. The professorships will communicate appropriate dates as soon as that is possible.
- Regarding the organisation of the cooperation with the Examination Office, it should be noted that all applications must be submitted digitally, i.e. by e-mail (please as pdf!).
- The same applies to the submission of theses. These must also be submitted digitally by e-mail together with the protocol for the final thesis and the signed declaration of independence. If necessary, this can also be done using a cloud, in which case we need the cloud link by e-mail.
- Applications for the subject catalogues for the large elective modules can still be submitted until 09.04.2020. Of course, applications can also be made digitally, i.e. by e-mail.
- It is currently not possible to create and issue certificates. This will only be possible once emergency operation has been suspended or transitional operation has been defined.
- One question that also comes up again and again concerns the examinations in summer. Of course there will be exams, because there is a summer semester. How there will be - nobody can say for sure at the

moment. In the ideal case we can do them the way we have always done. That means exams in the large lecture halls with a good distance between the participants, oral exams with few participants and also there with a great distance. And if that is not possible: Then we will react exactly as we have now reacted to the fact that there are no lecture halls: We will think of something. What exactly will that look like? Nobody can say for sure at the moment either. But we are keeping an eye on the topic and are working intensively on alternative solutions.

One question that also came up recently, and which certainly goes beyond the simple apprenticeship in mechanical engineering, concerned those of you who volunteer in nursing, civil protection, medical services or other activities which, due to the current situation, are both very time-consuming and very strenuous and essential for our society. Here, the legal department informed us today that such efforts can/may lead to the extension of deadlines. Anyone affected here would simply have to submit a corresponding application (with proof of activity) to the Examination Board - electronically of course ;-)

Furthermore, if you have questions or concerns about the whole situation with regard to the teaching in these weeks, please send them to kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de and use your TUD mail address without exception (in contrast to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

And I would like to ask you one thing: If you notice any particularly great teaching offers in this complicated situation - please let me know the corresponding examples (preferably with a course, special concept, name of the lecturer and if possible his or her e-mail and telephone) - the TUD wants to set up a social media format for special achievements in this phase, and I would of course like to name those that you noticed particularly positively!

For me it will be really serious tomorrow - Rheology 1 and MAT2 as YouTube stream (the registered listeners are informed separately), let's see if that works...

Stay healthy!

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