

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

now 6 weeks of "teaching without a lecture hall" have already been completed, slowly the restrictions are getting a little less, but nevertheless it is and remains the semester which is by far the most unusual experience ever - even for those who like me have been at university for a long time. Core topic at the moment for all who are thinking about the semester - the exams at the end of the semester.

We have just completed an extensive survey which shows that we will probably end up with a situation where about 60% of the exams will take place in the classical form (i.e. as a normal exam on campus) and about 40% will try out alternative concepts. This is a good mix that should lead us to a successful semester end.

In order to have sufficient time and space during the examination period, the examination board has decided to allow examinations on Saturdays during the core examination period. We try to avoid extending the core examination period. The next 2 weeks will show whether this works. In any case, we hope to have a reasonable overall concept for the examination process by Whitsun, so that we can then prepare for it.

And next week I hope that we will have clarity whether we will be able to offer a replacement event in the second half of the semester for the cancelled electrical engineering practical exercise, so that those who bitterly miss this will still have a solution.

Furthermore: If you have any questions or concerns regarding 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 without exception (in contrast to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

Well, so much for today. Have a good weekend, everybody.

Stay healthy!

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