

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

Halfway through the semester with "teaching without a lecture hall". Terrifying how quickly time passes and at the same time a reason to look ahead to the coming semester. Today I will not be able to answer all the questions that have been put to me in the last few days. Some of them, such as the question about the BAFög incase of a subsequent non-accreditation of the semester, I am trying to clarify. Hopefully there will be a result by the end of next week.

Otherwise, everyone's gaze is clearly going in the direction of the examination period at the moment. And unfortunately we do not yet know for sure how the whole examination process will proceed. Many exams will be offered in the classical way - as normal lecture hall exams. Whether we will be able to implement all this, remains to be seen. But there will also be a whole range of subjects for which we will use new online formats.

We still assume (and put a lot of work into it) that all the exams will take place. And to all of you, an urgent appeal: Take as many exams as you can! This will take the pressure off the following semesters, because you have to write the exams in any case and nothing can happen to you. This is actually an absolute luxury situation ;-).

If we look beyond the examination period, the question of the winter semester arises. First of all, this concerns the 7th semester, in which the internship is due, for which there is no alternative due to the PO change, because it is not possible to bring forward the 9th semester, because the suitable modules are not yet available. Since at the same time stays at foreign universities are virtually impossible to realize and many companies are currently stonewalling due to Corona, we have decided, as a special arrangement, to allow for the coming winter semester, in addition to the work at non-university institutes in Dresden, also work that is done at the TUD in the specialized internship. This should allow us to completely eliminate the bottleneck at this point. In special cases, where the regular 7th semester cannot be taken at all, we will look for solutions at the examination office. There will be solutions! One more hint at this point: For the currently upcoming internship, there is the event "[Introduction to scientific work](#)", which started last Wednesday and is of course also open for higher semesters, which still have to deal with scientific examinations etc., as a valuable information event on many aspects of scientific work. Details can be found in the Opal Course.

And for all those who are not going to do an internship - here is some important information from the last Senate session: The winter semester will not start until 26.10.20, so it will be 2 weeks shorter than usual! At least that's the status today,

maybe don't plan holidays in these weeks, but keep an eye on them. We will see how things develop.

Furthermore: If you have any questions or concerns regarding the whole situation with regard to teaching during 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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