

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

about four weeks ago I send the last info circular, now I am back in Dresden, have looked through my mails and know what to do. And since a lot of questions have come up, which probably concern many, and since there is already information for the coming semester and the developments in the coming weeks that are important, here are a few tips that might be useful.

But first of all, I hope that you all got through the core examination period well, were able to complete your exams without any problems and of course I wish you all have had successful exams.

The first piece of information, which has already been asked for several times, is directly connected to the topic "examinations": The **return of examination results**. For this purpose, there is now a form on the pages of the examination office at <https://tu-dresden.de/ing/maschinenwesen/studium/beratung-und-service/pruefungsamt/formulare-infos#section-1-1> with which this return can be carried out. But: **CAUTION!** Please handle the rejection of examination results very carefully! First of all, wait until you have essentially all your examination results! And then you should consider very carefully when it makes sense to return a result: with a 5, this is easy to answer. But with passed exams?? You should be very careful there, even if the grade may not be absolutely optimal. Because on the one hand, it means you have to take the exam again and thus increase the exam load in one of the coming semesters and on the other hand, nobody can guarantee that the next exam will be better. And the next result then counts, the last one is gone for good with the return.

The question of the **non-accreditation of the semester** also belongs in this overall context. This will only be possible in the coming semester and the admissions office will have forms with which you can do this. But here, too, it still applies: **BE CAREFUL!** First of all, you should clarify with all funding agencies (BAföG, child benefit, scholarships, ...) whether this non-accreditation is harmful! With BAföG, the issue of "extension of the maximum duration of support" is at least not generally clarified, i.e. it always boils down to individual case decisions. And the TUD will probably not issue a general announcement that the pandemic has made it impossible to conduct the semester in a regular manner. So please be really careful!

What else is important?

- On the "bulletin board" with offers for **work in the specialist internship** (<https://bildungsportal.sachsen.de/opal/auth/RepositoryEntry/23156424707/>), several exciting topics have been added in the last 4 weeks and some topics are already taken - it's worth browsing!

- The TU has announced a nice **competition** for particularly chic e-learning formats of the last semester. Proposals can only come from students and must be submitted online at www.tud.de/elearning/schmuckstueck by 31.08.20. It would be nice if the gallery that is to be created there would also include several examples from the field of mechanical engineering ;-)
- And of course the view is already going towards the winter semester. Hopefully we will be able to welcome many freshmen students who will then unfortunately have to enter a still largely digital university. To make sure that this still works out, the **ESE** will be particularly important this year. And the FSR is still looking for helpers. So please register at <https://tu-dresden.de/ing/maschinenwesen/fsr/der-fachschaftsrat/mitmachen> to help!

Since I am back on duty normally from today on, the answer to questions will be faster again: If you have questions and concerns in the whole Corona situation with regard to teaching, 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).

For now, try to relax a little bit until the next winter semester and stay healthy!

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