

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

this time there is a little more time between the last two mails - a clear sign that we have finally really arrived in the lecture-free period and that a little peace has returned. But the winter semester is approaching with big steps and so we should take a first preparatory look at the lecture period.

- As in the previous semester, **all lectures** will probably take place **in digital space**.
- Fortunately, however, it should be possible to do presence exercises at least in the 1st and 3rd semester. In the third semester this concerns thermodynamics, mathematics, electrical engineering and mechanics of materials. Of course, there will always be digital formats at this point, so that those who cannot come or who may not come for safety reasons can also participates in the exercises.
- It is important for the planning and preparation of the semester that you register early in the Opal courses of all events you want to attend. To help you find the courses, we have now updated the **catalogue of all Opal courses** for the events in mechanical engineering in the central Opal course "Mechanical Engineering without lecture hall" (<u>https://tud.link/pu2y</u>) several times and will continue to do so.
- Since a few minutes ago, the **timetables for the 5th and 7th semester** are also available in the same course. For the 1st and 3rd semester because of the presence exercises the planning is still in progress, but here it is not so critical regarding the Opal courses, because it is clear which courses are due anyway.
- The exam results are now increasingly coming in and this brings me back to the topic of "**return of exam results**": If somewhere an exam has ended with a 5, it is trivial to return it. But apart from that I strongly advise you to first think very carefully about whether you want to return an exam result. Because you don't know whether the exam will go better next time and you will increase your exam load in the following semesters. And you should definitely not underestimate this! You can find the form for returning exam results at https://tud.link/t6q2.
- The catalogues for the **catalogue modules** are currently in preparation and will go online within the next 14 days.



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One important point concerns the start of the first semester this fall - a difficult topic, because you actually have to find your way around first and that is very difficult digitally. That's why we are currently doing everything we can to get the freshmen off to a good start. One component of this is the **introduction of the first semester**. Of course, this is also different from what you have all experienced, but there will be things like a city rally, a campus tour and a first semester welcome - in a form that complies with the Corona protection regulations. This also means a lot of extra work in the organization. **The FSR Mechanical Engineering is urgently looking for helpers!** It would be great if many would contact Mr. Sturm (c.sturm90@t-online.de) and help! We will only overcome this crisis and its consequences together and when welcoming the freshmen, we can really send a nice signal!

What else is - and remains - important?

- All **applications to the Examination Office** can still be submitted by e-mail.
- The **submission of the scientific theses** takes place also further exclusively over the period mailbox TUD (<u>https://tud.link/4and</u>)!

And as always: If you have questions and concerns in the entire Corona situation with regard to teaching, please send them to <u>kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de</u> and use your TUD mail address without exception (in contrast to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

So far, use the lecture-free time to recover and

stay healthy!

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