Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

in the meantime, the summer semester has clearly become the focus of all efforts concerning "teaching without a lecture hall" at our faculty. And today there is a range of news and information about this and also the answer to some questions that I have been asked over the last week:

- First of all, the time has come - the current Opal course list has been published in the Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall course (https://tud.link/gkjms). Mr Helsch has thankfully done a lot of detailed work to include all the changes, which are also due to the new PO. To make it easier to find courses, we have now also included the module numbers everywhere, so that you should now be able to find the courses that you should have on your schedule for this semester quite quickly and easily. It is important to note that there are still a few feedbacks missing and changes can always occur. Therefore, be sure to also pay attention to the emails that come via the notification page of the "Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall" course!

- Last week I briefly reported that we will have a whole series of hybrid events in the summer semester. That is, courses that are held in presence and at the same time have a digital form of delivery. We have almost 50 lectures that have such a presence component. Among them are large basic lectures such as chemistry, fluid mechanics or MAT2. And - and the question came up last week - there are, of course, also many exercises offered in attendance. In technical mechanics, fluid mechanics, design and many other compulsory and elective subjects, there will be the opportunity to come back to campus and learn and work together in presence.

- Clearly, it is important that the hygiene concepts are adhered to. Even if we are now slowly finding our way back to a somewhat more normal university routine, we must not forget that the pandemic is not over and that we can only maintain attendance if we make sure that nothing happens!

- It is important to note that the hybrid courses will of course only have a limited number of participants in attendance (the AudiMax has a capacity of just 125
participants...). As a result, there will be two separate enrolments for the corresponding courses - you can either register for attendance or for the digital form. Participation in attendance is only permitted if you are also on the attendance list! You should therefore find out as soon as possible which of the upcoming courses offer a presence component and then take care of the enrolment. Because: When the list is full, it's full, and unfortunately we don't have larger rooms. So: find out when the enrolments start (you can easily find the courses via the Opal course list) and then remember that - as usual in such cases - the first-come-first-served principle applies...

Otherwise, there is only the usual standard information at the moment, albeit with minor changes:

- Of course, in the purely digital world, the examination office also operates digitally. Therefore, as always, we urgently request that you only send applications etc. by e-mail!
- A change applies to the submission of theses and supporting documents. Here, as long as there are no copy shops, we have the already known solution: You upload your thesis in OwnCloud at [https://cloudstore.zih.tu-dresden.de/](https://cloudstore.zih.tu-dresden.de/) (access with your ZIH login) and send the link to the thesis to your contact in the examination office (for theses!) and the supervising university lecturer by the deadline. If you now receive printed copies again, you must send the two printed copies by post or submit them via the TUD's deadline letterbox ([https://tud.link/4and](https://tud.link/4and)). Furthermore, you must submit an electronic version of your work on CD or stick, and the declarations of independence must be included and signed. Everything that is put into the deadline letterbox by 23:59 on the day of submission is on time and will be under the flap from 00:00. In the case of postal delivery, the date of posting of the item counts.
- Since we are now through with the examination phase, the Mechanical Engineering study room will take a break for the semester and will be available again at the start of lectures. We are still working out exactly how.
- You have all received information from the Imma-Office on the subject of the standard period of study. I won't even try to explain it here - it's too complicated ;-). Therefore – if you have any questions about this: Please contact the Imma-Office directly! Neither I nor our examinations office can say anything detailed about it - it's really not our field of play.
- And one last point - remember that returning grades from the last summer semester is only possible until 31.3.21. And remember that any return will increase your exam load in future semesters and that there is no guarantee that the grade will then be better. And after the return, the grade of the returned exam cannot be reverted to if the result of the new exam is worse!
And finally, as always, the advice: if you have questions and concerns about the whole Corona situation with regard to teaching, please send them to kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de, using your TUD mail address without exception (as opposed to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

So much for now,
stay healthy!

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