Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

today I can - fortunately - start this email with some positive news: In view of the problems that the Corona pandemic continues to cause us with stays abroad, but also with industrial internships, the examination board has extended last year's regulation to the effect that in the coming winter semester the **specialist internships in the 7th semester** can also be completed at chairs of the TU Dresden. The already established notice board with corresponding internship offers can be found in the Opal course at [https://tud.link/wwta](https://tud.link/wwta) - offers from the professorships in Mechanical Engineering for such internships will increasingly appear here in the coming weeks. It is always worth browsing!

Otherwise, the problems surrounding the **examinations in the summer semester** remain: The order of the Prorector of Education not to allow examinations with more than 100 participants in attendance has led to a highly problematic situation. We are still collecting exam registrations at the moment, but it is already clear that exams will be cancelled if this order is not revised. And, of course, entire module examinations will be linked to individual examinations, which will not be possible (for example, the module examination on drive systems, which will not be possible due to the omission of the examination on internal combustion engines). We won't have a complete picture of the initial situation until next week. A complete picture of the overall situation will probably not be available until mid-June.

If you feel that your study progress is restricted as a result, I would ask you not to write to the lecturers, but to demand a correction of this decision - which cannot be deduced from the infection situation either - directly from the Vice-Rector Education. Only there can something be changed, and that will only happen if many people speak up...

**Classroom attendance** is also available now in practical exercises and similar formats, and an innovation has arisen here - those who attend classroom attendance can get **free quick tests** from the university. Please contact the lecturers so that the tests can be ordered. This is a sensible measure that should have been effective at the beginning of the semester.
Apart from that, there is only the usual standard information at the moment:

- 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!
- As long as there are no copy shops, the already familiar solution applies to the submission of theses and supporting documents: You upload your thesis in the OwnCloud at https://cloudstore.zih.tu-dresden.de/ (access with your ZIH login) and send the link to the thesis to your examiner in the examination office (for theses!) and the supervising university lecturer by the deadline. If you 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). Furthermore, you have to submit an electronic version of your work on CD or stick, the declarations of independence have to 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.

Finally, as always, please note: 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, let us continue to work together to get the best out of this time of crisis.

And - stay healthy!

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